



# VOLUNTEERS TO RUN LIBRARIES

Report by David Callaghan

**LIBRARIES and the archives service in Dudley will be run by volunteers under cost-cutting council plans.**

A not-for-profit organisation will be set up to save Dudley Council £200,000 a year by taking over management of the sites, while paid staff have fewer hours and self-service will be encouraged.

Council chiefs have already announced that opening hours of libraries and the archives service will be slashed as the authority looks to save £20 million over three years.

The new Community Benefit Society model has been agreed in principle by the council's cabinet. Consultation between staff and public began on November 18 and will go on until February 19, 2016.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for adult and community learning, said: "These are unprecedented times for Dudley council with continuous reductions in funding from national government putting intense pressure on local services.

"As part of the council's budget reductions, libraries, archives and adult learning have to achieve a target of 30 per cent savings.

"The mutual model would be a positive outcome from a trying situation, bringing staff, residents and council officers together to deliver an innovative, efficient and sustainable way of working."

## Professional

The libraries and archives service would continue to be run by professional staff, the council says, but would have community, employee and council involvement at board level.

In October, Dudley Council confirmed some library staff will lose their jobs under cost-cutting plans. They will be invited to apply for voluntary redundancy.

It was also announced that Dudley Museum and Art Gallery will close, with up to 275 jobs being lost. The council tax is set to rise following savage cuts across departments, which means less funding for Dudley Zoo and Castle.

The new arrangement would see all libraries, library links and the archive service remain open, with increased customer self-service and reduced staff hours.

Some adult and family learning may be relocated to shared venues but would continue to be funded from national budgets allocated to Dudley Council for community learning.

Dudley libraries, archives and adult learning are nationally recognised among the best in the country, having been shortlisted for awards and winning accolades.

They attract more than 80,000 people to their events each year with 23,000 people visiting Dudley libraries each week. The adult learning service provides learning opportunities to more than 6,000 adults in the borough.

## BOROUGH SET TO SHOW ITS LOVE FOR TENNIS ACE



Wheelchair tennis star Jordanne Whiley from Halesowen will be the first Freewoman of Dudley borough after an hugely successful year

"IT is where I spent the first 18 years of my life – so to be recognised there is great." Those are the words of wheelchair tennis star Jordanne Whiley who has spoken of her pride that she is to be given the freedom of the borough in Dudley.

The 23-year-old from Halesowen, who this year was awarded the MBE, has been recognised for her stunning success in the sport which has seen her claim the grand slam in doubles this year as well as her first singles title at the US Open. She will be the first woman to receive the prestigious honour.

"It was a complete surprise," she said. "I feel like I am getting more and more recognition now Paralympic sports are on the map. Since the London 2012 Olympics, every year seems to be getting better and better and I'm hoping by Rio in 2016 some Paralympians will be household names. Before London nobody knew what wheelchair tennis was."

While she has won trophies around the world, Jordanne said it was special to receive recognition at home. She joins the likes of Sir Lenny Henry in having the freedom of Dudley.

But the borough will have to wait before welcoming her home. A busy schedule leading up to the Paralympics in Rio means she is training during December before the Australian Open in January. She said: "It will probably be February before I get back home."

Her father Keith said: "We're so proud of her and this is like the icing on the cake. This has brought home how much people in Dudley are getting behind her."

The former Earls High School pupil will be officially named the borough's first freewoman at a council meeting on Monday.

## RESTAURANT

### 1950s style diner to open at Merry Hill

A CHAIN of retro-style American diners is opening its latest restaurant at Merry Hill shopping centre.

The Ed's Easy Diner at Intu Merry Hill will open on Monday, December 7. The diner will feature 1950s decor, a menu offering burgers, hotdogs and shakes, and a jukebox featuring hits from the rock 'n' roll era. Customers will be able to watch their food being prepared in an open kitchen.

Located on the lower mall, it is the latest in a chain including restaurants in the Bullring and Grand Central in Birmingham.

## FOOTBALL

### Glassboys hope for glamour FA Cup tie

FA Cup fever is starting to grip Stourbridge again as tickets for the town football club's second round tie went on sale this week.

Gary Hackett's Glassboys are just 90 minutes from a potential place in the third round draw alongside Premier League giants. National League side Eastleigh stand in the way of the chance of a money-spinning tie and they visit the War Memorial ground in Ambleside on Saturday, December 5.

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## SHOPPING

### Free car parking at festive craft market

A CHRISTMAS craft market will be held in Dudley town centre on Sunday.

The event will feature over 20 craft stalls with a variety of handmade gifts on offer including paintings, knitted goods, pottery, wooden crafts, jewellery and festive flower arrangements.

It has been organised by the council's Adult and Community Learning team and many of the regular market stalls will also be trading and other businesses will be open in the town.

The event starts at 10am with free parking on the day at Flood Street and Stafford Street car parks.

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# Man with child sex images spared jail

A MAN from Dudley was found in possession of more than 200 indecent images of children. Police found evidence of 205 still and moving images after seizing Darren Baker's computer and laptop during a raid on his home. Baker, of Wrens Nest Road, had deleted all but one of the images but forensic teams were able to trace them after inspecting his hard drive, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. They found evidence of 161 moving images of children and 44 still images. A total of 86 of the moving images and 21 stills were classed as category A images – the most extreme end of the scale.

Mr Kevin Jones, prosecuting, told the court that Baker also used computer software that allowed him to search the internet anonymously. Mr Jones said Baker had developed an interest in pornographic material and an unhealthy interest in children. But the 36-year-old, who admitted six charges of making indecent images, was spared a jail sentence by Judge Nicholas Webb, who gave Baker a three-year community order. Judge Webb said issues in Baker's personal life and his health problems had swayed his decision. Mr Stephen Hamblet, defending, argued rehabilitation rather than a prison sentence would be

more productive, saying that Baker was unlikely to re-offend. As part of his three-year community order Baker must attend a sexual offences programme and has been placed on the sexual offences register for five years. Judge Webb said: "They depicted, some of them, very young children. You possessed these images between October 2012 and June 2013 and were not arrested until June 2014. Therefore I conclude for some reason you have stopped accessing these images for some 12 months or so before. "I bear in mind that you have been contrite and had personal difficulties at the time."

# Project for 150 homes on old garage sites

**AN £18 million scheme to build 150 homes on old garage sites across Dudley has been revealed.**

Homes will be built on sites in Dudley, Kingswinford and Netherton over the next four years if plans are given the green light. Cannock-based Jessup Brothers successfully bid for the four-year contract, which will involve building the properties for council tenants. It is the first time Dudley Council has signed a 'framework contract', which is part of a wider £40m scheme creating 350 homes in total. Homes will be built on old garages in Ketley Hill Road, on the Russells Hall estate in Dudley; Lea Bank Road, in Netherton; and at Marley Road, in Kingswinford. Dudley's housing boss Councillor Gaye Partridge welcomed the deal, saying: "This framework system of tendering means the council can save money in the long-term as we do not have to continually advertise and pay administration costs for individual smaller scales projects. "It will give greater value for money over the whole construction process. Working with one contractor over numerous projects will allow benefits to be passed down through the building supply chain, including creating opportunities for local sub-contractors and suppliers.

## Significant

"The added bonus of knowing that people will be able to find work as part of this scheme is a significant attraction for us as a community council." Jessup Brothers' managing director Clive Jessup said the firm had experience in similar schemes "Jessup are delighted to have been chosen by Dudley for this important framework," he said. "We have 28 years' experience of delivering affordable homes across the Midlands." Consultation events in January are being arranged, where the public can ask questions. As part of the agreement, Jessup will provide apprenticeships and/or jobs for the long-term unemployed. Planning applications will be made for the separate housing schemes in due course.

## Museum win top business prize



**The Black Country Living Museum team receives the Chamber of Commerce award for Large Business of the Year**

THE Black Country Living Museum was judged the best large businesses in the Black Country at this year's Chamber of Commerce Awards. With around 400 people in attendance, the Black Country Chamber's awards dinner was at Wolverhampton Racecourse to celebrate local business success. Ninder Johal, president of Black Country Chamber of Commerce, said: "I would like to congratulate all our winners and thank the many more businesses who have taken part in the awards this year. Our judges were very impressed with the high standard and diversity of award entries. "They had some very difficult decisions to make. It was great to see so many people celebrating Black Country business success." Scooping the title of Large Business of the Year, the Black Country Living Museum is one of the UK's top five open-air museums and the leading authority on Black Country heritage. The museum has welcomed more than 8 million visitors since it opened nearly 40 years ago. The judges said The Black Country Living Museum had turned their business around, moving from loss to profit "through an innovative and passionate approach to business". The museum also won the title of Social Enterprise or Charity of the Year. The Small Business of the Year was Sandwell Women's Aid.

# Big fines for not checking destination of rubbish

TWO men who failed to make sure their rubbish was disposed of properly have been ordered to pay more than £2,000 each between them. Ranjit Singh found someone on Facebook to remove his trash, which was eventually fly-tipped at Baggeridge Country Park. Marius Mihaescu stopped and paid a man on the street to get rid of his waste, which ended up dumped near Moseley Old Hall. Singh and Mihaescu both appeared at Stafford Magistrates Court last week on charges of failing to check the people taking their waste were appropriately licensed. Singh, aged 45, from Belmont Road, Penn, Wolverhampton, was fined £440 and ordered to pay costs of £1,064. Mihaescu, 30, from Dunstall Road, Wolverhampton, was fined £250 and ordered to pay costs of £884. South Staffordshire Councillor Roger Lees, cabinet member for public health protection, said: "These cases just go to show that paying someone to get rid of your rubbish is simply not enough. "The onus is on you to make sure the people you are paying have the correct licences to get rid of the rubbish properly. "Our officers have been cracking down on fly-tipping in the district, and go to great lengths to find out who rubbish belongs to. "Fly-tipping is unsightly, it ruins the countryside and can be dangerous. We will always seek to prosecute those who dump rubbish illegally in our district."

## Families helped into rental homes

HUNDREDS of people have been helped to find new homes as part of a scheme which is now in its fourth year. More than 400 private properties have been let by landlords in the project backed by Dudley Council. The council can negotiate with landlords so that tenants can move into the property without having to have a deposit up-front. Officials say, where agreed, tenants are given up to 12 months to raise the money. The council also guarantees to pay against damage or rent arrears up to an agreed amount. Housing boss Councillor Gaye Partridge said: "By reducing risks to landlords letting a property we are able to help people who would otherwise be unable to rent in the private sector." Call (01384) 815118.

## Crematorium to host remembrance

THE annual remembrance services are being held at Gornal Wood Crematorium on December 13. There will be two services at 11am and 3pm for people who have had family funerals there during 2015. Call (01384) 813982 for more information.

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# Vandalised offices to be replaced by housing

TWENTY-SIX homes will be built on the vandal-hit former headquarters of a computer training company, under new plans.

A planning application has been submitted to council bosses for the redevelopment of the Computeach International office block in Upper Gornal. The building in Jews Lane would be demolished and developer Tatton Hall Homes has set out a scheme which would see 20 houses and six flats built on the site.

Most of Computeach's operation was moved to a new purpose-built block just yards away 15 years ago.

Dudley Council's planning officers rubber stamped the demolition project in September and the plans for the overhaul of the site have now been revealed.

Ward councillor Ken Finch said: "I think we need to do this as soon as possible to avoid any more anti-social behaviour happening there.

"There's a demand for affordable accommodation in Dudley for the younger generation. If we got a good mixture on that site then that would help."

The site has been blighted by anti-social behaviour over the past couple of years, according to Councillor Finch. Yobs have started fires and targeted the disused buildings.

A design and planning statement submitted as part of the plans states: "The redevelopment of the brownfield site for housing will help to minimise the need for the release of the land from the green belt."

# Event with tips on starting business

SMALL businesses and budding entrepreneurs across Dudley have been invited to an advice event next month.

Dudley libraries and Dudley Business First have organised the event to help people set up their own business.

It takes place at Dudley Library on Friday, December 4, 10am to 2pm, and is part of a series of events to support Small Business Saturday. That grassroots campaign aims to promote small businesses and encourage consumers to 'shop local'.

Councillor Rachel Harris said: "Anyone who has a small business or is thinking about setting one up is welcome to come along to this free drop-in event, where they'll meet experts from organisations who will be offering information and advice."

# Three swans found dead at reserve

THREE swans have been found dead at a nature reserve in Dudley, sparking an appeal from the RSPCA for information. The swans, all aged around two, were found by a visitor to Fens Pool Nature Reserve.

# Tributes pour in for public servant Mary



Dudley Councillor Mary Roberts

A COUNCILLOR who has served Dudley residents for the past eight years has died after a long illness.

Tributes have been paid to 'loved and respected' Mary Roberts, who had represented the St James's ward since 2007.

Councillor Roberts, who was re-elected to the ward in 2011 and in May this year, was vice-chairwoman of the authority's audit and standards committee.

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Steve Waltho said she would be missed by her colleagues at the authority. "Our thoughts are with Mary's closest friends

and family at this very sad time," he said. "Mary served the council with great honour over the best part of the last decade and she will certainly be missed by all."

Councillor Roberts was a member of the council's health scrutiny committee, licensing and safety committee and the Castle and Priory, St Thomas's and St James's community forum.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said: "Mary spent her whole life in the service of others as a great teacher and a wonderful councillor. Many people will have led more fulfilled lives as a result of her

work as a teacher and she helped hundreds of families and community groups during her eight years on the council.

"She was loved and respected by councillors from all parties and she'll be missed by us all. I'll never forget the encouragement, advice, help and support she always gave me. Many people in Dudley have lost a very good friend."

Mrs Roberts had taught at Princes End Primary School, in Tipton.

Her daughter, Paula, a GP, said her mother was dedicated to her community work and her family, including two granddaughters.

# Office block to make way for £50m complex

A £50 million leisure and retail development planned for Dudley has moved a step closer after bosses behind the scheme revealed they have bought eyesore office block Cavendish House.

Developer Avenbury Properties confirmed it was the mystery buyer who snapped up the building at a recent auction held in London.

The office block had been given a guide price of between £1.2m and £1.5m but sold last month for just £800,000.

It means a significant hurdle has now been overcome for the company's ambitious Porters Field scheme, which would bring new restaurants, shops and homes to the town centre.

There were concerns that if the building had been bought by another group it could have thrown the whole project into doubt.

But the developers said they had 'secured' the dilapidated complex when it went under the hammer at London auctioneers Allsop and that 'clears the way' for the Porters Field scheme once planning permission has been approved by Dudley Council.

The office block, which has been boarded up for years, was once offices for the former Inland Revenue. It will be demolished as part of the new project, which is expected to create around 500 jobs.

The proposed project covers an area stretching between Trindle Road and King Street and between Flood Street and Oakewell Street. It also aims to improve links between King Street and the rest of the town centre, including between High Street and Market Place.

## Vibrant

A spokesman for Avenbury Properties said: "The purchase of Cavendish House clears the way for the project to progress.

"We will be working closely with planners to deliver a scheme which will see Cavendish House replaced with an exciting retail-led development, creating a vibrant new shopping quarter acting as a catalyst for further regeneration in Dudley."

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, who is in charge of economic developments in the borough,said: "The sale of Cavendish to the partners with whom we are negotiating means that proposals have taken a huge step forward. This is excellent news for the town and reinforces our ambition to bring more jobs and investment to Dudley."

The plans for Porters Field come after town centre improvements, including a spruced up Dudley market, and amid a £5m scheme to enhance Castle-gate park with the creation of four new restaurants and cafes.



An artist's impression of the Porters Field development in Dudley town centre, creating 500 new jobs



Cavendish House is now marked for demolition



'Huge step forward' says Councillor Khurshid Ahmed

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## End is in sight for King Arthur

DEMOLITION of Dudley's landmark King Arthur pub begins next month.

Bulldozers are set to move on site in the middle of December to knock down the 1930s roadhouse pub, next to the Birmingham New Road on Priory Road. The pub is being replaced by an Aldi supermarket with 94-space car park, which got planning approval earlier this year. Building work on the store is to start soon after demolition.

Local opinion was divided over the future of the pub, which closed in 2012 and failed to get English Heritage protection.

## Win hamper in colouring contest

YOUNGSTERS could win hampers packed with Christmas goodies by showing off their colouring skills.

Specsavers in Dudley's Castle Street is running a festive colouring contest with two hampers on offer.

The winning entries will be judged by the store's staff in two age categories - toddlers to six and seven to 11. Store director Paul Cross said: "We look forward to some colourful entries which we'll be displaying in the store."

To enter visit the store, go to [www.specsavers.co.uk/stores/dudley](http://www.specsavers.co.uk/stores/dudley) or call (01384) 214851.

## Christmas fair for homes group

HALAS Homes, which supports people with learning disabilities, is holding its Christmas fair on Friday, December 4.

The event is being held at The Meeting Places at Halas Homes' base in Wassell Road, Halesowen, from 10.30am to 12.30pm

The organisation's Sing and Sign Choir will be performing in the Celebrating Carers at Christmas event on December 13 in Birmingham Town Hall at 11am. Tickets are £6.50.

## Festive fun days are planned for Priory Park

A TOWN centre park is playing host to two Christmas fun days in aid of charity.

The Christmas Network events in Dudley's Priory Park, off Priory Road, are running from 12 noon to 8pm on December 12 and 13. There will be a chance to visit Santa in his grotto.

There will be free entry and the weekend is raising money for Ronald McDonald House Charities, providing accommodation for families with children in hospital.

## Church German theme

A GERMAN-style Christmas evening will be held at a church in Dudley next week in a Spice and Light Festival.

The event will be held at St Thomas and St Luke, known locally as Top Church, tomorrow (Fri) from 6.30pm.

It's free admission for the event featuring lots of gift stalls.

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THE massacres in France? I am torn between two opinions, the liberal and the biblical. The liberal is the one that goes, we in the West are partly to blame for the madness of the Middle East. We must therefore sit down and talk with Islamic State, just as we have talked to other psychopathic murderers in the past, from the Mau Mau to the IRA, to work out some long-term settlement and a happy ending. The biblical view is that there can be no happy ending. The tribes of the Middle East have been smiting each other for thousands of years; the killing began long before they saw a British, French or American face. The borders of Islam have always been marked by blood and today's militant Islam is incapable of living at peace with itself, let alone with its neighbours. It has nothing to discuss and there is nothing to negotiate because its aim is our utter destruction. The "hostages" taken in a Paris theatre were no such thing; they were taken not for bargaining but for slaughter. We should therefore do the Old Testament thing and smite our enemies with a vengeance. For every one of us they kill, we kill 1,000 of theirs. Every suicide vest detonated in the West will be repaid, not merely with precision smart bombs but with every weapon in our armoury, including those no-one likes to mention. The biblical solution is to rain fire and brimstone on Islamic State and turn its strongholds into puddles of molten sand.

DONALD Trump who, heaven forbid, might one day become President of the United States, says the Paris massacre would have turned out differently if the French were allowed to



carry guns. Can you imagine the carnage if 100 handgun-toting concert-goers had whipped out their Magnums and cut loose in a dark, crowded theatre? Terrorism is scary enough but no less terrifying is how many adult Americans cannot tell the difference between real life and Hollywood.

AS the week's horrific events in France unfolded, the many TV and radio interviews reminded us once again how many ordinary French folk speak excellent English, and how few Brits can manage to string the simplest sentence together in any foreign language.

WHEN it was announced that British storms would soon be getting their own names, no-one told us to brace ourselves for American names. Having been battered by Barney, can we look forward to Chuck, Dwight, Ellie-May, Frankie, Geraldo and Homer?

THE latest Strictly Come Dancing (BBC1) is a puzzle. I can't remember seeing so many grown-up people getting so excited about going to Blackpool. Maybe they hadn't been before.

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# Supermarket raiders flee empty-handed

RAIDERS fled empty-handed after trying to smash their way into a supermarket in Dudley when they were chased by police.

Sainsbury's Local in Pensnett was left boarded up following the attempted raid during the early hours of Wednesday morning (November 18).

The raiders smashed a window and even removed bricks from the wall in

a bid to gain access to the tills in the High Street shop, but they failed to get inside.

## Getaway

Extensive damage was caused to the window and the brickwork but the shop remained open for business the next day.

Police gave chase to a Ford Fiesta after arriving at the scene at 2.45am,

but the getaway car evaded them.

Mandy Pursey, spokeswoman for Sainsbury's, said: "Nothing was taken and we are very grateful to our neighbours for calling the police."

Lee Page, for West Midlands Police, said CCTV was being reviewed to try to identify the offenders.

He said: "On arrival officers gave chase to a Ford Fiesta ST believed to have been involved in the offence,

but this was lost a few minutes later following a short pursuit.

"The offenders had attempted to gain access to the building by smashing a window and removing bricks but had not got inside. CCTV is being reviewed and forensic exhibits are being examined."

Anyone with information about the attempted break-in at the supermarket is asked to call police on 101.

# More than 500 meet employers at jobs fair

MORE than 500 jobseekers flocked to a jobs fair in Brierley Hill, with organisers hailing the event a huge success.

Forty businesses set up stalls at The Waterfront for the fair, which was organised by Dudley South MP Mike Wood.

Amongst the companies were JLR, Avon, National Express, Neelan Care Plus, Sandwell College and Ladder for the Black Country, supported by the Express & Star. Since its inception in September 2014, over 700 apprenticeships have been created thanks to the Ladder for the Black Country scheme, which accounts for a sizeable part of the fall in youth unemployment.

Gill Durkin, Ladder for the Black Country's business development director said: "It's not been any easy task to cut the number of unemployed youths in the area, but it's been a fantastic scheme for the area considering we only started just over a year ago."

"Doing fairs such as this allow us to physically interact with those who are looking for their next step, showing them they have a number of potential options available."

Immanuel Wiredu, aged 40 from Wolverhampton, found the jobs fair very useful in being able to speak directly to potential employers.

He said: "I've been unemployed for a little while now and found it very frustrating applying online, talking to no one and just repetitively searching for jobs with no guidance. It was good to be in a room full of people who were looking to engage and directly speak with you, which I found very helpful."

## Caribbean ball will help an orphanage

A CHARITY ball is being held in Wolverhampton to raise funds for an orphanage in Jamaica.

The Robin's Nest Charity Ball is being held by the Caribbean Family Adoption Aid charity at Grand Central, Sun Street, on December 28.

The event will run from 7pm till midnight and will feature live music from reggae band Abelwell Foundation, which consists of two vocalists and five musicians hailing from the heart of England. The ball will include a three-course Caribbean meal. Tickets are £35 and are available by calling 07773 282999. There are also prizes that will be on offer to win during the night.

Proceeds raised will go to the Robin's Nest Orphanage in Montego Bay, a non-profit Christian organisation.

## Rock band James are to play city's arena

MANCHESTER rock band James will play Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena in the new year.

Tickets for the May 30 concert are on sale now. The tour follows the release of 14th studio album *Girl At The End Of The World* on March 18.

# UKIP MEP quotes Enoch Powell at Euro meeting

Report by David Callaghan

**UKIP councillor and MEP Bill Etheridge directly quoted Enoch Powell at a meeting in the Black Country, saying multiculturalism will 'lead to rivers of blood'.**

The Euro MP spoke out at a public meeting entitled 'In a Europe of Freedom & Direct Democracy' attended by around 20 people.

Mr Etheridge began by saying that Conservative MP Powell was right when he said 'those whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad'. He said: "The creed of multiculturalism is in fact a creed of surrender and it will lead to rivers of blood. A multi-ethnic Britain is fine and works well, a multicultural Britain is diverse not just diverse. Yes, remember where you came from but understand that when you have arrived here you must embrace British values there is no alternative."

## Funeral

In his Rivers of Blood speech in Birmingham in 1968, the then MP for Wolverhampton South West Mr Powell compared the UK's immigration policy to watching a nation piling up its own funeral pyre.

Border control in the wake of the migrant crisis and the Paris terrorist attacks was the main topic at the meeting at the Brambles Hotel in Dudley on Friday night.

Sedgley councillor Mr Etheridge was joined by fellow UKIP MEP Jill Seymour and The Freedom Association chief executive Simon Richards.

All three spoke of their opposition to staying in the European Union, saying the UK should have the 'freedom to choose its own future' and claimed unregulated migration has invited terrorists into the country.

Mr Etheridge said: "It's madness not to control your own borders, it's madness not to make your own rules and laws and it's madness to see your democracy frittered away by people in Brussels and Strasbourg who care nothing of what local people think."

## Glass museum will be ready in weeks



The scaffolding will soon be coming down at the new glass museum on the former Stuart Crystal site in Wordsley

A MULTI-MILLION pound scheme to build a new glassworks museum in Wordsley is on schedule to be completed by the end of this year.

The Stuart Crystal site, on High Street and opposite the Red House Glass Cone, received a £2.1 million funding grant in August from the European Regional Development Fund. The project is costing £5m overall.

Developers Complex Development Projects Ltd are now close to completing the site. As well as the museum, there will be an apartment block comprising 18 flats along with a number of offices.

Ian Harrabin, managing director at Complex Development Project Ltd, said: "I'm very happy with how the work has progressed and very much look forward to the

end of December when the museum is completed. The 18 flats will follow and be finished in March. It's a fantastic thing to be happening in the area."

Broadfield House Glass Museum in Kingswinford has been closed and its collection put in storage awaiting the completion of the new museum.

The developers have been working with the British Glass Foundation (BGF), which will run the museum. Graham Knowles, chairman of the BGF, said: "We are now at a pivotal point in the development of the new site at the White House Cone."

"The structure will be completed by the end of this year ready to be handed over to the charity with the Hot Glass Studio functioning around March 2016."

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Councillor facing a police inquiry

A LABOUR councillor has been suspended from the party pending the outcome of a police probe.

Councillor Derrick Hemingsley, a ward member for Wordsley, has been placed on 'immediate administrative suspension', officials have confirmed.

Councillor Hemingsley, of Penzer Street, Kingswinford, was elected to Dudley Council in 2012. He is a governor at Belle Vue School, chairman of the Friends of Wordsley Park and a campaigner against speeding motorists. He has been asked not to attend any governor meetings at the school.

### Father Christmas visits church fair

PEOPLE can pick up gifts during a Christmas fair being held at a Dudley church on Saturday.

St Mark's Church, in Vicarage Lane, Pensnett, is hosting the festive event, to be opened at noon by councillors Judy Foster and John Martin.

Among the attractions at the church, which is often called 'the Cathedral of the Black Country', will be stalls selling homemade cakes and jams, plants and a bottle tombola. There will be a visit from extra special guest Father Christmas. Admission is 25p.

### Pupils help to fill festive gift boxes

STUDENTS at a Dudley school have generously donated gifts to fill shoeboxes as part of Operation Christmas Child.

Elowes Hall Sixth Form pupils donated enough gifts to fill 13 shoeboxes for children less fortunate than themselves. Teacher Bethany Greaves said: "Well done to all involved, it was a fantastic effort."

Operation Christmas Child provides more than 124 million children in over 150 countries with a gift box.

### £18,000 handed to village good causes

THOUSANDS of pounds worth of grants have been handed out to charities in and around Kinver.

South Staffs P Gavin Williamson presented grants worth £18,000 at a presentation evening at St Peter's Church Hall for money raised at Kinver Country Fayre. Charities to benefit include community transport schemes for the elderly, sport facilities for youngsters and South Staffordshire First Responders, who aim to install a defibrillator on Kinver High Street.

### Wizard opportunity

AUDITIONS will be held for a theatre group to find performers for its latest production. Quarry Bank Musical Theatre Society needs actors and singers for the Wizard of Oz. Auditions are on Saturday, December 5, at Quarry Bank Congregational Church, High Street. Visit [www.qbmts.org.uk](http://www.qbmts.org.uk).

## Fairtrade Bala balls are selling at discount

DISCOUNTS are being offered to Dudley schools, teams and coaching clubs as part of a Fairtrade initiative for the area.

Bala Sport, the country's source for Fairtrade certified footballs, is offering a 20 per cent discount if Fairtrade footballs are bought before December 31.

The balls are made in Sialkot, Pakistan where 70 per cent of the world's hand stitched footballs come from.

Bala's balls are handstitched with their employees benefitting from working for an ethical employer.

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Bala's workers also benefit from the extra Fairtrade Premium to invest in things like free healthcare, education and clean water systems.

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Steve Waltho said: "Stourbridge Fairtrade kindly donated three Bala balls for use at summer's charity walking football match and I can honestly say, the balls performed really well. This additional offer from Bala sport to our schools and football teams is a great way to support Fairtrade and get a quality product at a discounted price."

The discount is available on Bala's three designs, pro, team and play. Any borough school placing an order via the website [www.balasport.co.uk](http://www.balasport.co.uk) can get a discount until December 31.

## London Midland bans e-cigarettes

PASSENGERS will no longer be allowed to smoke electronic cigarettes on London Midland trains from the start of next month.

The train operating company, which runs services between Wolverhampton and Birmingham New Street and from Lichfield, Rugeley and Walsall to Birmingham, is introducing a new policy treating e-cigarettes on a par with tobacco.

It will also forbid the use of e-cigs in stations, depots and offices operated by the company.

Other train operators which have already banned them include Southern Railways, Thameslink and Great Northern, TfL, Virgin Northern Rail, ScotRail, Eurostar and Gatwick Express.

## £10k raised for charities at quiz

A CHARTERED accountants in Brierley Hill raised £10,000 with its annual quiz. Around 200 attended Copthorne Hotel as Griffiths and Pegh hosted the event for Breast Cancer Now and Ladies Fighting Breast Cancer.

# First look at £12m vision for college



An artist's impression of the campus

THIS is what a new £12 million college campus will look like when it is built in Dudley. The new Dudley Advance II would sit alongside its namesake Dudley Advance at the college's site in the town.

The college's ongoing investment in the town has been hailed by a councillor as changing the look of the town for the better in recent years.

Plans for Dudley Advance II follow hot on the heels of the opening of the £7m manufacturing and engineering building Dudley Advance in September last year. If it gets the go-ahead

from council planners, Advance II will complete the college's learning quarter and be part-funded through its contract with Saudi Arabia.

The college has submitted a formal planning application to Dudley Council for the new landmark building.

Councillor Steve Waltho, Mayor of Dudley, said the college's investment in the town had improved its look.

He said: "This provides another educational facility, which is fantastic news for Dudley but it also helps with the regeneration of the town. Dudley College is playing a very significant

part in that regeneration. We're trying to do what we can as a council but it's clear the college's work is looked at by visitors who can see things happening in Dudley.

"It's absolutely phenomenal and these new buildings are making Dudley a better place. Lowell Williams, the college principal, is doing great things."

The 37,000 sq ft centre includes workshops, classrooms, project spaces, resource areas, welfare and support facilities around a four-storey building called The Hanger.

# Wait times plummet after care unit opens

**WAITING times at Russells Hall Hospital have been dramatically reduced after the opening of an urgent care centre.**

Russells Hall has become one of the best performing hospitals in the country based on a national four-hour emergency care waiting target.

Dudley Urgent Care Centre, provided by Malling Health Ltd, was opened within the hospital's grounds in April.

In May 2014 there were 746 breaches of the four-hour waiting target. However, in May 2015 there were only 96.

The Urgent Care Centre offers non-emergency care for walk-in patients who have minor illnesses and injuries that need urgent attention.

In a report to the Dudley Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, chief accountable officer Paul Maubach, said its success had seen the hospital rise from 109th in the waiting times table into the top three. He added complaints registered about the centre were less than one per 1,000 patients.

Mr Maubach said: "The care centre continues to be refined and developed through a monthly governance steering group.

### Contributed

"It is also recognised it has contributed significantly to the very strong performance of Russells Hall Hospital in regards to its four-hour emergency care wait target.

"In England, Russells Hall is currently a leading hospital provider for this important performance target.

"This is particularly significant because just over a year ago it was near bottom of the national ranking table."

Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, which met last week, commissioned a new urgent and emergency care model for patients in April.

The scheme saw the nearby walk-in centre at Holly Hall Clinic close with a new urgent care centre open in Russells Hall, operating 24-hours a day, seven-days a week.

Mr Maubach said lead clinicians, along with the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, agreed the overall model had been a success.

"Emergency department clinicians agree the streaming is working appropriately and the right patients are being seen in the emergency department," he said.

## Helping create precious memories



Sarah Foley with a picture of her baby son Freddie after their brief time together in a cuddle cot

A MOTHER who suffered the heartache of losing her premature baby is using her grief to spur on her help for other families in a similar situation.

Sarah Foley's son Freddie passed away just 54 minutes after being born 23 weeks into her pregnancy weighing 1lb 5oz.

Devastated Sarah and her partner Ricky were able to spend some time with their son thanks to a cuddle cot at Dudley's Russells

Hall Hospital, which helped them through the difficult time.

The special cots allow bereaved parents to spend up to 72 hours with their babies which have either been stillborn or passed away shortly after birth.

Russells Hall only has one of the cots and Miss Foley, aged 28, from Brierley Hill, was determined to provide the unit with more.

She has so far raised £700 in just a few weeks with the help of

friends through a crowd funding website, as well as through raffles and bucket collections. Cuddle cots cost around £1,500 each.

Miss Foley said: "It allows parents to keep their baby in the room with them and spend some time with them.

"It allows you to make memories," she added.

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IN MY VIEW  
with Mark Andrews



# Movie has job to make it pay at box office

APPARENTLY the new film about the life of American computer tycoon Steve Jobs hasn't been quite the box office hit that had been hoped for. Just two weeks after its launch, the movie was pulled from more than 2,000 cinemas by Universal, citing fierce competition. Which is surprising really, given its truly unique plot.

I hope I'm not spoiling the story for all those of you who were never going to watch it anyway. But essentially, in the 1970s a bloke with a beard called Steve goes into business with another bloke, who also has a beard and is also called Steve. Things don't work out, they squabble, and Steve – one of them anyway – goes his own way and sets up a rival business. After a lot of navel-gazing and finding himself, Steve is reunited with Steve (the one with the grey beard), and tells him he 'has not been in a good place'. And they launch a computer.

A bit like Alan Sugar. Only without the peerage or the television show.

Just one question. How did that not smash box-office records?

WESTERN intervention in the Middle East. Disenchantment among a disaffected youth. Lack of educational opportunities and poverty. These are the things the bleeding heart liberals usually blame for the barbaric acts of terror of the kind we have seen recently in Paris.

Not the Prince of Wales, though, he has come up with a far more creative explanation. His Highness says it is all down to global warming. At least when his dad says something crass he usually gives us a laugh.

WEST Mercia's deputy police and crime commissioner Barrie Sheldon has spoken out, saying he wanted to debunk some of the myths about speeding enforcement. He says far from being a cash cow for the police, it has raised less than £1.5 million for the "safety partnership" in 12 months, all of which will be spent on roads. In other words, more speed cameras.

He adds that mobile police speed traps are only set on roads where more than 15 per cent of drivers have been clocked speeding.

But isn't that the wrong way of going about it? Surely the only criteria should be the number of accidents. If people are driving above the speed limit and not causing accidents, then that probably suggests the limit is too low.

Oh, and one other thing. Mr Sheldon admits that he himself has been fined for speeding. Now far be it from me to criticise. Indeed, show me a motorist who never speeds, and I will show you a liar. But when even the man responsible for enforcing the rules on speeding gets caught, doesn't that suggest maybe they are a bit too strict?



Dr Cooke when he retired from Summerhill Surgery, Kingswinford



In theatre — Dr Cooke was a hospital specialist as well as a GP



The young doctor setting out on his long career in medicine

# GP's remarkable life reads just like a book

**JORDAN HARRIS** explores the memoirs of long-serving Black Country GP and author Doctor Edward Cooke

**IN 46 years as a GP, Edward Cooke listened to thousands of stories.**

So, having retired three years ago, there was only one thing to do – write a book about it all.

But rather than pen a straight autobiography, Dr Cooke has put together a collection of anecdotes that he says acts as a historical document of the Black Country, chronicling the area and its people.

Up until his retirement in 2012, he was one of the longest-serving doctors in the Black Country.

However describing his book, entitled *What The – Reflections of a Black Country*, as his story could be stretching the truth a little.

With several previous medical publications, this is his first for a non-medical audience and it portrays the tragedy, drama and comedy that a typical GP comes across.

## Stabbed

From discovering a man who had been stabbed in the chest to his various encounters with badly-behaved children, Dr Cooke's book is not a run-of-the-mill memoir.

Dubbing himself a 'funny doctor', Dr Cooke doesn't choose to wallow in sadness for too long and a funny tale is always just around the corner.

He explained: "In those days, when you were a trainee, you went where you were told but I wanted to come back to the Black Country.

"Because of this rather unusual job I had, I had lots of unusual experiences and because of who I am as a person I would try and connect with my patients by telling them funny stories.

"Several years ago a hard-of-hearing patient told me I should write these down so he could understand them properly, so I did.

"I spent the last five years writing down all of my recollections from memory, from grow-



Retired GP Edward Cooke at his book launch for his collection of memories in *What The*

ing up in the grey Black Country after the Second World War, throughout my career in medicine.

"I did this without telling anyone, not even my wife, and I am extremely proud of the result."

While the tales contained within the book are examples of the stories of real people, it isn't always light reading and Dr Cooke himself has said it is 'not for children'.

The book contains births and deaths, including suicides and even murder.

There are some revelations never previously disclosed, particularly regarding cot deaths.

Some of the stories are emotion stirring tales of people at the lowest point in their lives and in dire need of help.

Dr Cooke, now aged 72, said: "There is a lot of humour in this book but it is also incredibly sad.

"When you become a GP, you spend life's crises with people.

"One night when I was working on call, I had to go out to a home at 3am where a man with lung cancer had burst a blood vessel and was coughing up blood. I knew it was serious and I had to get there quick.

"His son, who was only 23 years old, had locked himself in the bathroom with his father while he was slowly dying, to protect his mother from having to see it.

"The father died and when I left the house his son actually apologised to me for making me come out.

"He wasn't crying when he was mopping his dad's blood up, but he still apologised. I still get emotional to this day when I think of that night.

"Me and that lad still share a bond to this day, that is how you grow as a doctor.

"You have to make sure that your emotions don't get the better of you and always maintain your professionalism."

Dr Cooke's career in medicine has helped him get to know every inch of the Black Country and its people, through good times and bad. His book makes reference to a number of local landmarks and events including the closure of the Bilston Steel Works in 1979. It was an end of era and it shut despite a long fight to save it but Dr Cooke said he wasn't sad to see it go.

He said that for a long time he was 'losing one patient a year' as a result of them working at the steelworks.

He was so concerned about the difficult working conditions that he asked Lord Bilston, the former Wolverhampton South East MP Dennis Turner, who he met as a child and was good friends with, to take him for a tour of the site.

He said: "I know a lot of people were upset when the steel works closed and they still are to this day, but I was delighted to see them go.

"Lord Bilston was a great friend of mine and I didn't mind telling him that the closure was a good thing for me as a doctor.

## Experiences

"I was losing one patient a year for the first ten years of being a doctor to the steelworks because of the conditions people were working in."

Black Country born and bred, Dr Cooke was educated at Dudley Grammar School before studying at The Medical School in Leeds and the Institute of Basic Medical Sciences at the Royal College of Surgeons in London.

However, his formative experiences in the Black Country stayed with him and his love for the area brought him back home. He would work for 46 years at Parkfields Medical Centre in Wolverhampton and Summerhill Surgery in Kingswinford, unusually working both as a GP principal and a hospital specialist.

He said: "My father and my grandfather both worked as coalminers and told me I would never follow them, that I was going to become a doctor. I wanted to become a pop star in those days but the medical profession was indeed my calling."

His book is available in paperback and on Kindle from Amazon.

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## When did pension become a benefit?

ANYONE else out there noticing the phrase 'pensioner benefits' rather than just pensions, according to a Commons committee they are 'unsustainable'.

I do not look on myself as receiving benefits. I get a pension which I have earned through paying tax for 50 years, and still do.

I also, like millions of others, paid graduated pension and state earnings related contributions with the promise of receiving a greater state pension on retirement.

Now as demands on the state increase state pensions are referred to as benefits

making many feel guilty for having to rely on them.

A pie chart was shown on BBC, pensions were 50 percent of the welfare budget. Is this a ploy to eventually phase out the right to an automatic state pension? Will the retirement age become a thing of the past with people being signed off as not fit to work in order to receive a 'benefit'.

Benefits are not taxed, so if a state pension is a benefit why is it taxed?

**R WILLIAMS**  
Brierley Hill

## Welcome decision by the judges over site

I BELIEVE that my views are very similar to the majority of Dudley residents in welcoming the unanimous decision of the three Judges in the Court of Appeal last week, rejecting the Dudley Muslim Association's appeal.

This will now prevent this incongruous development from dominating the skyline of this ancient and historic borough.

I would hope that all right minded people would commend the local authority on its perseverance in the stance it has taken and I believe that this is indeed a triumph of local democracy, reflecting the majority view of the local electorate.

It is particularly heartening that both major political parties were able to agree on this issue and combine in their opposition to this development in such a prominent location.

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## PM is not asking enough of the EU

IT is disappointing that Prime Minister David Cameron appears to only be putting four requests for re-negotiation to our European Union masters.

It is no secret that he wants the UK to remain in the EU, so if he asks for little and, consequently secures little, he can argue that we should remain.

I have always believed that in negotiations you ask for as much as possible on the basis that you will not get everything but may well get more than you originally wished for.

The UK will not get another chance to negotiate its position in the EU and if we do remain the other

members will expect us to accommodate every demand they make.

We now have a one and only chance to make sure that the UK's membership of the EU is in the UK's interest and does not compromise our own sovereignty or the seniority of our legal processes.

Mr Cameron must take advantage of this opportunity to rectify all of the areas that UK voters are concerned about and I would urge everyone to say to him — if you don't, we are out!

**M CALLADINE**  
Kingswinford

## MaccyD tea, surely some kind of joke?

PLEASE tell me that the letter from C Dawning was a hoax.

No parent would willingly drag their family after school, on two buses, so that they could have their tea at McDonald's.

This generation of young parents have been educated right from primary school about the importance of healthy eating and the message still surrounds them today.

How can it be that some still feed their children at such outlets when it would be healthier, quicker, cheaper and easier to walk round to Aldi and buy nourishing food to feed them with.

In despair,  
**M BILLINGS**  
Oldswinford

## Council to be congratulated

DUDLEY Muslim Association have reacted to the Court of Appeal's ruling by accusing Dudley Council of 'caving in' to pressure from protest groups.

How so? Caving in would have been to accept DMA's out-of-court settlement offer of £300,000 rather than to pursue the due legal process. I have been very critical of Dudley Council in the past, but on this occasion they are to be congratulated on acting absolutely correctly and properly on behalf of the great majority of residents of the borough.

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## MP in call for move to regions

GOVERNMENT departments could be moved outside London under a bill put forward by a Black Country MP.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin is calling for departments to move as part of his Government Departments Decentralisation Bill, which would transfer up to 100,000 civil service jobs from London to the regions.

Under the plans departments would move to 'public service hubs' around the country where they would share space with other public sector bodies.

Mr Austin said the bill could, for example, see the Department for Business moved to the Black Country, Transport to Birmingham and Culture to Manchester.

Unveiling the bill he said taxpayers would save £10 billion from the sale of expensive London offices, plus an extra £725 million annually from cheaper property and staffing costs.

"It's no surprise that London is first in the queue for investment when every Government department is based there," he said. "This bill is an opportunity to transform the way Government works."

# Daughter and son-in-law jailed for battering father

**A DAUGHTER who assaulted her elderly father after draining his bank account of £17,500 and forcing him to live in squalor has been jailed for six years and three months.**

Davina Delo carried out the attack on 83-year-old David Glass with her husband, David Delo, who was locked up for three years and seven months.

Mr Glass now says he has lost everything and has to rely on charity.

The widow, who was attacked at his home in Charles Road, Arlestone, Telford, was left in thousands of pounds worth of debt after his daughter had offered to help him with his finances following the death of his wife, Stafford Crown Court heard.

But 47-year-old Davina, from Invancee Street, Dudley, plundered the pensioner's bank account over three years. She moved in to his home with her husband David, now of Brook Street, Dudley, after the pair were evicted from their own home.

Report by Lisa O'Brien

Mr Daniel Osocroft, prosecuting, said while the couple lived in the property it became squalid.

In June 2014 the pair assaulted Mr Glass following the funeral of Davina Delo's son, Jamie Penn, the grandson of Mr Glass.

### Hospital

The court was told how the pair had punched and kicked him while he was on the floor, causing lacerations to his face. He was taken to Princess Royal Hospital.

In a victim statement, read to the court by Mr Osocroft, Mr Glass said he had never been in debt before his daughter took over his finances. He had been left with just £5.60 in his bank account and thousands of pounds in debt.

The grandfather-of-six, a press operator who had worked at GKN Sankey for 40 years, had to accept donations from

charity to rebuild his life after moving home. Mr Glass said it had been 'heart wrenching' to leave his home but that it had smelled like a sewer at the end.

He said: "I've lost everything my wife and I worked hard for all of our lives."

Mr Glass's son-in-law Brian Poole said neighbours had alerted police following the assault, leading to the couple being arrested and further investigations revealed the fraud.

Davina Delo admitted the fraud amounted to £17,500. She and her husband both admitted a charge of assault causing actual bodily harm. She also admitted fraud between May 2011 and June 2014.

In mitigation, Mr Simeon Evans, said emotions were running high on the day of the assault and it had not been fraud from the outset. She was jailed for six years and three months. Her husband was handed a three-year and seven month prison sentence at Stafford Crown Court. They are banned from contacting Mr Glass.

## Pirates ahoy on Treasure Island



James Silvers and Julie Bywater star in Dudley Little Theatre's 'steam punk' production of Treasure Island

IT will be a swashbuckling night out for all the family as a theatre group prepares to set sail to 'Treasure Island'.

Members of Dudley Little Theatre company are in final rehearsals ahead of staging their 'steam punk' version of the classic adventure by Robert Louis Stevenson.

The group stage the show at Netherton Arts Centre from December 2 to 5 with a special matinee performance on the Saturday afternoon. It tells the story of the battle for the possession of Captain Flint's long-lost treasure after young Jim Hawkins accidentally finds out the secrets of a dangerous gang of pirates and finds himself at the mercy of Long John Silver.

Chris Ridgeway, from Dudley Little Theatre, said the adventure story should prove a hit with families. Doors open at the venue, in Northfield Road, from 7pm with curtain up at 7.30pm. The matinee performance is at 2.30pm. Tickets cost £8 and £7 concessions, buy online at [www.dudleylittletheatre.org](http://www.dudleylittletheatre.org) or by phoning (01384) 872583.

## Metro Mayor is more accountable to public, says PM

A METRO mayor for the West Midlands will provide 'a very direct form of accountability', the Prime Minister has said.

The region is set to have an elected mayor in 2017 as part of landmark devolution plans announced by the Government this week.

The West Midlands Combined Authority has signed off on the deal to receive £1 billion in funding and gain more control over regional services, including road and bus networks.

The Government has thrashed out similar deals with Liverpool and Manchester, with those areas also set to elect their own mayors.

David Cameron said: "These big devolution deals, first to Greater Manchester but now to Liverpool and to the West Midlands, mean that we are going to have powerful metro mayors who are accountable to local people for the decisions they make."

"That is a very direct form of accountability and that is why we can be confident of devolving health and social care to those authorities. For too long, our country has been too centralised. The great cities of Manchester, Birmingham, Liverpool — and soon to be Leeds, I hope — will benefit from these massive devolution deals."

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# Farewell to Bob, the life and soul of party

FROM facing gun-toting men in the African bush to setting up a sauna bath company in the Black Country, Bob Jew had a colourful life.

Tributes are being paid to 'The Major', as he was known, after his death aged 85.

Halesowen-born Mr Jew spread his wings as a young man, developing his wanderlust first during his National Service after the Second World War, when he was based in Trans-Jordan and fought the infamous Zionist group the Stern Gang in Palestine.

He became an army boxing champion in Egypt.

Mr Jew then headed to Nigeria, where he was first a cocoa bean buyer for Rowntree Fry and Cadbury and later general manager of a chain of general stores.

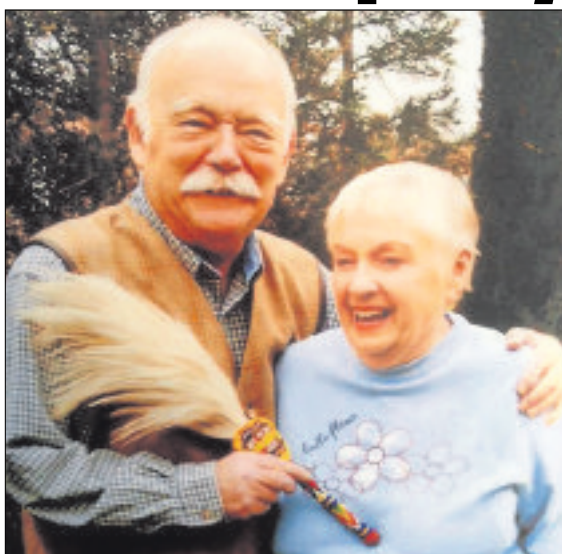
Mr Jew, who grew up in Alexandra Road, Halesowen, with his parents, Arthur and Freda, sister Pauline and brother Ted, often lived deep in the African bush and had to deal with some scary situations – confronting workers brandishing guns during a strike, being robbed and becoming the target of a juju (African black magic) curse.

"Dad was not a man to be bullied and, fortunately, he had the gift of the gab – so he could talk his way out of anything," said his journalist daughter Louise, 58, of Hagley.

"He befriended many Nigerians, to the extent that they made him an honorary African chief and presented him and our mother with an ornate fly swish which they were photographed with when they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary nine years ago.

"When we lived in Warri, Chief Festus Okotie-Eboh took a fancy to our house, a rather lovely colonial place on the banks of the River Niger and gave our family 24 hours notice to quit. The chief never actually lived there but just put up a sign saying 'Festus Okotie-Eboh owns this house'."

Miss Jew recalls local juju followers hanging a bottle containing a substance cursing her father on the gates



Bob and Barbara Jew on their golden wedding anniversary nine years ago

of the compound where they lived – but the former Halesowen Grammar School boy promptly smashed it.

Mr Jew married Barbara Lucas, from Cradley Heath, in 1956 and she joined him in Nigeria after teaching at a finishing school in Switzerland.

She gave birth to Louise in Ibadan, Nigeria, and the couple's son, Nigel, was born in Sedgley just over a year later. When they returned to the Black Country in the mid 1960s, Mr Jew had a number of jobs before starting a commercial sauna bath firm from the family's home in Brook Street, Stourbridge.

Son Nigel said: "His distinctive moustache and military bearing

earned him the nickname around Stourbridge of 'The Major', although he never actually held that rank. We had loads of fun with him throughout our lives – he was the life and soul of any party."

Mr Jew, of Whittington Road, Norton, who also leaves grandchildren Luke, Eva, Joe and Danny, died on November 10 – which would have been his late wife's birthday – at Russell's Hall Hospital, Dudley, where he was being treated for bronchopneumonia.

A celebration of his life will be held on December 4 at 12.20pm at Stourbridge Crematorium. Guests are urged to wear their Sunday best in any colour and a flower in memory of Mr Jew.

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## Birthday girl has been visiting zoo since 1930s



Enjoying the birthday trip to the zoo is Barbara with daughters Tina Watson and Sandra Cash, and son-in-law James Cash

**SHE has visited Dudley Zoo on her birthday almost every year since it opened in 1937 and Barbara Cross has no intention of stopping now — 78 years later.**

Mrs Cross made her first visit to the zoo aged 10 and returned on the day she turned 88, the mother-of-five daughters was accompanied by two of her girls, Tina Watson and Sandra Cash, and her son-in-law James Cash.

Mrs Cross recalled many happy memories of trips to the zoo with school friends, her late husband Edward Rhys Cross, and her children

Lynda, Gail, Sandra, Yvonne and Tina, her nine grandchildren and her seven great-grandchildren.

She said: "On my first visit here with a friend I held my hand out to one of the monkeys and he nearly pulled me in with him. There was another time when I tried to get on a camel and I fell off."

"I've seen a lot of changes over the years and there are more animals here now than there used to be. I have had some wonderful days out at the zoo."

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Barbara and family at the zoo in 1945

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Chicago cast ready to razzle dazzle



Chicago line-up — Hayley Tamaddon as Roxie, John Partridge as Billy Flynn and Sam Bailey as Mama Morton

X Factor winner Sam Bailey will be swapping her former real life role as a prison officer to play an inmate when the musical Chicago comes to Wolverhampton on tour.

The singer will play cell block boss Mama Morton when the 1920s-set jazz musical is staged at the Grand Theatre next summer.

Sam Bailey worked as a prison officer at HM Prison Gartree for three years until 2013. At the end of that year Sam won the tenth series of the X Factor receiving more than a million votes over the course of the final weekend.

Chart-topper

Following her win, her debut single Skyscraper was the Christmas chart-topper and was followed in 2014 with her debut album, The Power of Love, reaching number one in the album charts.

Hot shot lawyer Billy Flynn will be played by EastEnders actor John Partridge and Coronation Street's Hayley Tamaddon will play nightclub singer turned killer Roxie Hart.

Kander and Ebb's hit show, which was also made into a movie, features famous choreography by Bob Fosse, which recently inspired Georgia Mae Foote and Giovanni Pernice's Charleston on Strictly Come Dancing.

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# The next step in charity enterprise

BEACON Centre, a long-established sight charity based on the outskirts of Sedgley, has opened the UK's first opticians trading as a social enterprise.

The practice offers full NHS and private eye testing and spectacle dispensing service, in state-of-the-art modern accessible facilities.

The charity already operates a network across the Black Country of charity shops and a coffee house, and the step to open an opticians is a further commitment to promoting the importance of looking after your eyes.

### Network

It naturally complements the other services the charity offers and will be an integral part of the Healthy Living Opticians network across Dudley.

Chief executive Arwyn Jones said: "We only have one chance to look after our eyes, and it is the one sense none of us would want to lose."

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A customer undergoing an examination in the new opticians

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All profits from the operation of the opticians practice will go back to the charity to support its work with people living with sight loss across the Black

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People can view each of the school's proposed arrangements and find out how they can make comment by visiting [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk)

The arrangements are open to consultation until December 14, 2015.

Councillor Ian Cooper, cabinet member for children, said: "Although the schools are only making minor amends that won't affect how children are selected, they are required to consult on them."

# Breaking rules over tobacco results in five facing huge bills

**TRADERS have been fined or made to pay costs for possession and sale of illegal tobacco.**

Trading Standards brought three prosecutions before Dudley Magistrates' Court. In the first case Huner Hamed, aged 45, of Mellor Street, Derby, and Amamj Hasan, 25, of Bentley Street, Derby, both admitted two charges of possession for supply of goods prohibited by safety regulations and two charges of possessing goods with a false trademark for sale/hire.

Hasan admitted a charge of money laundering and Hamad admitted possessing criminal

property. Magistrates were told 150 packs of cigarettes and 25 packs of hand-rolling tobacco were seized from Eazy Shop, in Brierley Hill High Street, in 2015.

Both received a 12-month conditional discharge and were ordered to pay £2,304 costs each with £180 criminal court charges.

The court was told officers had inspected Baba Shaheed, in High Street, Lye and found six sleeves and 11 individual packs of cigarettes, none displayed the correct labelling and warnings. Muhammed Fazal Ur Rehman, 31, of Salop Road, Redditch, owner of the shop, pleaded

guilty to two charges of possessing for supply goods prohibited by regulations and a count of possessing criminal property. He was fined £426 with £1,585 costs and £180 court charges.

In the third case, the court was told officers found 237 packs of illegal cigarettes in Ivy Road, Dudley. Ronald Anslow, 63, and Amanda Lewis, 44, both of Ivy Road, pleaded guilty to three offences involving lack of labelling and criminal property. They each admitted two charges of supplying goods prohibited by regulations. Both got two year conditional discharges, ordered to pay £1,375 costs each with £180 charges.

## Yes for nursery plans to expand

PLANS to expand a Dudley nursery to help meet a growing demand for places have been given the go-ahead.

Managers of the nursery at Woodside Community Primary School in Highgate Road will create an extension to provide an area for babies.

The proposals were approved by Dudley Council planners last week.

A report submitted as part of the application said: "The current nursery provision at the school is currently over-subscribed and requires extending to cater for the growing nursery numbers for this area." The extension will provide an area for babies, as well as a milk kitchen and nappy change area. A covered outside space is also included.

## Finishing touches at chapels



Joiner Paul Stevens at work in a chapel which will host weddings and civil ceremonies

THE £1.2 million renovation of a chapel so it will be able to host weddings and civil ceremonies is nearing completion.

Brides and grooms to be will soon be able to say 'I do' at Grade II-listed former Lye and Wollescote Chapel.

The building is undergoing a massive facelift to turn it into a registration office for civil ceremonies.

West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust has carried out the refurbishment on the site, which was built in 1879 and is made up of two Victorian Gothic-style chapels.

One of these will house the registration office and the other a new wedding venue.

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for corporate and customer services, said: "We are looking forward to opening this unique and stunning ceremony venue thanks to the restoration work which has

preserved a slice of local history. Brides-to-be can make provisional bookings for weddings next year when the Wollescote Suite will be ready from April 8."

Dudley registrars, who will lease the buildings, have revealed that they can take provisional bookings for weddings at the new venue from April 8 next year.

The new Wollescote Suite, which features much of the former chapel's original Gothic architecture, will hold marriage parties in the region of 40 people.

The former Lye and Wollescote Cemetery Chapel will be renamed The Thomas Robinson Building after the original architect.

On Saturday the Victorian Chapels will throw open their doors from 10.30am to 1pm so people can see the results of the specialist heritage conservation team's work.

## Trader urges support for small business

A BUSINESSMAN from Stourbridge has issued a rallying cry to fellow entrepreneurs to get behind a business event.

Craig Fletcher, owner of Ovenu Stourbridge, is backing Small Business Saturday and wants other firms to do the same.

Mr Fletcher will switch his spending to small, independently-owned local retailers to mark the annual event which takes place next Saturday, on December 5.

Small Business Saturday, which was launched in 2013, highlights business success and encourages shoppers to shop local at independent smaller firms.

Mr Fletcher said: "Small businesses are the lifeblood of the economy and their impact is often overshadowed in favour of larger corporations.

"Small Business Saturday provides the perfect opportunity to champion everything that is good about our independent, local shops and services here in Stourbridge"

## Parking fee U-turn call

A PETITION calling for controversial new parking charges at a Black Country beauty spot to be scrapped has been handed in to council bosses.

A decision to charge motorists to park at Sandwell Valley for the first time has attracted a public backlash, with 120 people putting their names to a petition in the space of just a week.

Sandwell Council has said the charges are necessary to ensure funds can be generated for the upkeep of the park.

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Original Rollers singer Les McKeown leads the fans in song

## Roller back the years with pop's Tartan Army

ROLLERMANIA is alive and well in the Black Country.

The Tartan army were out in full force to see original Bay City Rollers frontman Les McKeown and his band take to the stage in Bilston.

Fans joined the lead singer in rolling back the years to hear the legendary Scottish group – the One Direction of the 70s – perform their classic pop hits.

While it's almost 40 years since the multi-million album selling group split, McKeown still knows how to get the crowd going. Females aged from their 20s to their 70s were all under the lead singer's spell at the Robin 2 on Thursday. Fans draped in the iconic tartan flocked to see the one-time teenage heart-throb who, despite being a few years older, continued to work the crowd.

The Bay City Rollers announced

in September that three of the original band members would be reforming, armed with a new album and even a Christmas single.

Mandy Southall, 54, of Limes Avenue, Brierley Hill, who works as a domestic cleaner at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, had bought tickets to celebrate her friend Sandra Carter's 60th birthday. She said: "It was sometime in the 1970s we last saw them live. We were all into the tartan trousers and McKeown was always one of our favourites." Housewife Sandra, also of Limes Avenue, said: "We loved the music but we also loved their looks. I didn't think we would get the chance to see them again."

Crowds hugged and screamed as the band belted out hits from Summerlove Sensation to Bye Bye Baby, giving fans a night to remember.



Bay City Roller fans Mandy Skidmore, Mandy Southall and Sandra Carter party in Bilston like its 1974

## Hospital staff lack faith in workplace

**JUST** half the staff at a Black Country hospital would want their friends or family to be looked after there – and even fewer would want them to work there – a survey reveals.

And the number of workers at most hospital trusts in the Black Country and Staffordshire that would recommend their sites is below the national average.

In Walsall just 51 per cent said they would want loved ones to be admitted to the Manor Hospital, and only 44 per cent would recommend working there.

Meanwhile, only 45 per cent of staff recommended working at Sandwell Hospital, compared with 47 per cent at Dudley's Russells Hall. The national average is 63 per cent.

When asked if they would be happy if their friends or family were admitted to Sandwell, 67 per cent said they would, compared with 77 per cent for Dudley, while in Wolverhampton it was 79 per cent.

University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust was top locally with 83 per cent. The national average is 79 per cent.

### Positive

Bosses say staff made plenty of positive comments in the survey but admit they would like to see an improvement.

It comes as 200 staff at Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust face the axe in the new year, which bosses admit has affected morale.

The survey is intended to monitor the mood of staff in the NHS after more than

By Adam Burling

4,000 staff were questioned across the five trusts, so bosses can address any issues that arise from the consultation.

In Sandwell the job losses are the next phase of wider plans by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Trust to cut around 1,400 posts over five years.

Raffaella Goodby, director of organisation development at Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, said: "We are working hard to improve the experience of staff that work here."

"Our recent workforce changes have been unsettling for many colleagues affected, however we are working hard to redeploy colleagues into other roles within our trust or with other trusts, and to offer support, coaching and skills development."

A message to staff sent with the survey states: "It is hoped that the test will help to promote a big cultural shift in the NHS, where staff have further opportunity and confidence to speak up"

## Petrol stations hit by 22,000 thefts of fuel

CROOKED motorists have driven off from petrol stations in the West Midlands more than 22,000 times without paying in the past five years, latest figures reveal.

This figure includes more than 8,000 drive-offs – known as 'biking' – in the last two years.

Aside from Birmingham, which had 8,785 in the last five years, Sandwell was the worst region in the West Midlands for petrol theft with 3,110. There were also 2,839 drive-offs in Dudley (showing a slight decrease), 1,998 in Wolverhampton and 1,592 in Walsall.

West Midlands Police said that most crimes of this nature happen with cars using false plates. Spokesman Lee Page said: "While encouraging businesses to take steps to minimise the likelihood of them becoming a victim – such as operating a pre-pay policy and installing good quality CCTV – we are also working hard to prevent licence plates being stolen by fitting anti-theft screws."

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The Vaccines can still rock up a storm — guitarist Freddie Cowan, left, and frontman Justin Hayward-Young in action

**The Vaccines, Wolverhampton Civic Hall**  
IT was blowing a gale outside but it was raining beer inside the Civic as a boisterous crowd moshed along to The Vaccines with a 75-minute set so lively it made a foul Tuesday feel like New Year's Eve.

It was a nice touch to have the lights create the blue, white and red French Tricolore on the backdrop between bands in tribute to rock fans who were killed in Paris four nights earlier.

The headliners had help from two supports who did a good job of warming up the young crowd.

First up were New York trio Sunflower Bean who made amends for a name that sounds like a hippy-run coffee shop with some sizzling psychedelic rock.

Watching them was like being transported into the universe of Scott Pilgrim due to the gauche glamour of singer/bassist/catwalk model Julia Cumming and the Michael Cera look of guitarist Nick Kivlen. He clearly has the good taste to be influenced by 1970s German band Neu. The debut album is due in February.

Palma Violets are a terrific live band. The London outfit's recorded output doesn't really do justice to the force of nature impact of their endearingly ramshackle stage presence.

With a two-for-one deal on frontmen, Samuel Fryer and rabble-rousing Alexander 'Chilli' Jesson, they swaggered and roared through a set that excitingly teetered on the edge of chaos.

London's The Vaccines hit the

indie rock scene like a whirlwind a few years back and they can still rock up a storm, even though third album English Graffiti has taken them into a more commercial direction.

Opening with Handsome from the latest album was like going from 0 to 60 in an instant but they remained in top gear, singer Justin Hayward-Young commanding the stage, bouncing on his toes like a boxer, while Freddie Cowan struck guitar hero poses.

Older tracks like Post Break-Up Sex, Wet Suit, Ghost Town, Bad Mood and final encore Norgaard were the fans' favourites. But the anthemic Give Me A Sign showed that The Vaccines could still make the transition to stadium status.

Leon Burakowski

# Ellie joins the pop elite with Delirium

## ALBUM REVIEWS

by Leon Burakowski

**ELLIE** Goulding finally makes the transition to fully-fledged stadium level premier league pop star with *Delirium*, her third album.

The folksy tinge to her voice remains and her love of dance music is still apparent on *Devotion*. But the 28-year-old singer from Herefordshire on this album totally embraces synth pop, exemplified by tracks such as *Codes*.

And she has the anthems to put her in the same ballpark as top modern pop like Taylor Swift's 1989 album, thanks to sure-bet hits like *Scream It Out*, the gospel-tinged *Holding On For Life* and the Shake It Off-like *Around U*. Ellie Goulding plays Birmingham Barclaycard Arena on March 21 to complete the upward trajectory that started as support act for Little Boots in the Wulfrun Hall a couple of years back.

Cat-in-the-hat jazz singer **Gregory Porter** with the creamy rich vocal has a Special Edition of his Grammy Award-winning 2014 album *Liquid Spirit* out.

The revamp enhances that set of sophisticated soul-infused songs, including the stand-out finger-snapping title track, mellow love song *Hey Laura* and a groovy revamp of Northern Soul classic *The In Crowd*. Added are such standards as *When You Wish Upon A Star*, *Fly Me To The Moon* and *Puttin On The Ritz*.

The bonus tracks also include the Californian singer's collaboration with Jamie Cullum on *Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood*. Gregory Porter will be in concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall on April 24.



Ellie Goulding — her devotion to dance music is still apparent on *Delirium*

Finnish metal quartet **Grave Pleasures** come across like a hard rock Roxxy Music on their album *Dreamcrash* due to their English singer Mat McMerney.

Manchester band **Postcards From Jeff** make indie rock in the style of *Kitchens Of Distinction* and *The Editors* on their debut *Modern Language* but are let down by dreary vocals.

Those pining for good old fashioned bluesy rock should check out **Barnance Whitfield & The Savages** on their raw and rocking album *Under The Savage Sky*.

Recently seen supporting James Bay, retro styled singer **Elle King** is pitched somewhere between Imelda May and Meghan Trainor, a rock chick from rural Ohio who shows promise on her debut *Love Stuff*, particularly on the banjo-plucking *Song of Sorrow*, but is not quite the finished article.

Best known for Northern Soul classic *Tainted Love*, American singer **Gloria Jones** was also a backing singer for glam rock stars T Rex and became the girlfriend of Marc Bolan. This CD two-for-one reissues her mid 70s albums *Vixen* and *Windstorm* plus bonus

tracks. Only made two years apart yet these are very different albums. Vixen is caught between glam rock and disco, not doing justice by either genre, including a weak revamp of *Tainted Love* and a dire disco version of *Get It On* (the funkier version on *Part 2* fares better).

But the other songs provided by Bolan, such as *Drive Me Crazy*, *Disco Lady*, *Tell Me Now* and *Sailors Of The Highway* will be of interest to Bolan fans. There is also a decent version of 60s classic *Go Now*.

*Windstorm*, recorded by Jones on returning to America after Bolan's death, is a much classier affair, slick soulful disco with input from such first class musicians as Joe Sample from *The Crusaders*, Raydio's Ray Parker Jr and several Motown veterans.

**Kool & The Gang** were masters of feel-good soul-pop and a remastered reissue of their 1983 album *In The Heart*, featuring the hits *Joanna*, *Tonight* and *Straight Ahead*, still sounds good more than 30 years later. This set also includes bonus 12in mixes including the classic *Ladies Night*.

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## Chamber host careers fairs

THE Black Country Chamber of Commerce is urging local businesses to get involved with a series of careers fairs it is planning.

Your Future Careers Fairs is a government funded national project to deliver 250 events through Chambers of Commerce.

The Black Country Chamber will be running three fairs, which aim to reach over 1,200 young people between the ages of 14 and 24.

The first is on December 3 at Q3 Academy, Wilderness Lane, Great Barr, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

The Molineux Stadium in Wolverhampton will host the second on February 4 from 1pm to 7pm and the final fair is on March 10 but the venue has yet to be confirmed.

For more information on the fairs contact Catrin Guy on 01902 912305.

# Caparo's first sell-off saves more than 70 jobs in Oldbury

**MORE than 70 jobs have been saved after part of steel firm Caparo was sold off.**

Part of the Caparo Industries operation has been sold to Applus+, which operates in more than 70 countries.

Caparo Testing Technologies, including a site at Popes Lane, Oldbury, is the first Caparo business to be sold off since the group went into administration last month.

The move has already seen many firms closed with 323 jobs going across the region.

Administrators PricewaterhouseCoopers said CTT has three other locations and two customer sites across the Midlands and south of the UK. The business operates in Oldbury, Reigate, Luton and Poole, conducting testing of parts in a range of sectors with a particular focus on aerospace and aviation.

Robert Moran, partner at PwC, leading the Caparo sales process, said: "The sale of Caparo Testing Technologies to Applus+ represents a highly strategic acquisition and demonstrates the quality of this business."

"It is also great news for 76 employees of

the Caparo Industries Group. We would like to thank all of the Caparo people involved for their dedicated support in securing this transaction."

"We continue to hold advanced and encouraging discussions with a number of parties around the sale of remaining Caparo Industries Group companies."

The sale does not include CTT's testing operation at Planetary Road, Willenhall. That business is continuing to operate.

Partners from PwC were appointed as administrators to 16 companies in the Caparo Industries Group on October 19.

## Region losing its graduates

BIRMINGHAM and the West Midlands are facing a 'brain drain' of graduates, with one in three of the region's university leavers opting to search for jobs elsewhere in the country.

Failure to halt the exodus of graduate talent poses a real threat to the regions' 'powerhouse' ambitions. Intern Avenue has exposed how the West Midlands is falling further behind other regions in the UK — particularly London and the South East — when it comes to attracting and retaining top graduate talent.

It also found that despite being the home to over 15 per cent of the total student population in the UK, one in three opt to start their careers away from the region.

## Dr Whoot finds new nest



Nicola Cotton with Dr Whoot, bought for £10,500 in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital

A DOCTOR Who themed owl figure that sold for more than £10,000 at auction has taken up his perch at a new home just outside Halesowen.

The Dr Who inspired owl, 'Dr Whoot', from The Big Hoot collection was taken under the wing of Nicola Cotton and is currently in her garage before taking pride of place in a new nursery.

Mrs Cotton, who lives in Romsley, is due to open a new nursery in the former Hagley Police Station building next spring and felt that Dr Whoot would make the perfect accessory, as Dr Who's Tardis is shaped like an old fashioned police box.

"I'd seen the owls across Birmingham as part of The Big Hoot, so decided to go along to the auction," she said.

"When it came to Dr Whoot to be auctioned the lights were dimmed and the

theme tune to Dr Who was played and daleks came out. I thought no chance would I have won Dr Whoot as there was a man who was bidding on a lot of owls so I thought I would be outbid. I ended up winning him for £10,500. It was amazing," she added.

The birds went under the hammer on October 15 at Millennium Point, where they raised more than £500,000 for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Dr Who enthusiast Stephen McKay created Dr Whoot after he was inspired from meeting the show's stars at Dr Who conventions in Birmingham in the 1980s.

The Big Hoot saw 89 individually decorated fibreglass owls — each 5ft 5ins tall — dotted across Birmingham in a public art project this year. Dr Whoot lived at Snow Hill station throughout the summer, where he was sponsored by London Midland.

## Lawyer races ahead for property firm

AN amateur racing driver has taken the hotseat at the Black Country headquarters of one of the UK's leading private commercial property companies.

Richard Honick joins London & Cambridge Properties (LCP) as legal counsel. The company has set up a legal department at its headquarters at the Pensnett Estate, Kingswinford.

Mr Honick joins the existing legal team who are currently based at the company's Millbank Tower offices in London. He will support LCP's asset managers, providing legal and strategic advice on their property schemes, liaise with external lawyers, and work alongside the group's London-based legal team.

Mr Honick, who joins LCP from Higgs and Sons, Brierley Hill, has more than 15 years' commercial property law experience and has worked at Wragges and Birmingham City Council

## Getting lit up at pub

AN Upper Gornal pub is organising its own Christmas lights switch-on event.

There will be entertainment from Black Country Brass and First Sedgley Morris Men for the event at the Jolly Crispin in Clarence Street on December 3 from 6pm to 9pm.

The lights will be turned on at 8pm and the pub licensee Rob Carey will also be launching a charity Christmas raffle on the night.

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# Ballet's Christmas cracker returns

**BIRMINGHAM** Royal Ballet have brought their annual Christmas treat, *The Nutcracker*, to Birmingham Hippodrome.

The sumptuous fantasy danced to the music of Tchaikovsky will be staged from tomorrow (Fri) until Sunday, December 13.

In 1990 Sadlers Wells Royal Ballet moved from London to the West Midlands to become Birmingham Royal Ballet in what was described as 'the arts coup of the decade'.

In celebration of this momentous occasion Sir Peter Wright assembled a stellar creative team, including designer John F Macfarlane, to create his famous production of *The Nutcracker* for the city of Birmingham.

A quarter of a century later, the classic production which has captured the hearts and imaginations of generations of theatregoers returns to the BRB's home theatre to celebrate its silver anniversary.

In what has now become an annual tradition for many families, Sir Peter's production will have been performed in Birmingham a total of 429 times during its 25 sparkling years.

The spectacular sets and costumes see magical creatures come to life, flurries of snow sweep across the stage and an unforgettable transformation sequence with gigantic Christmas tree, which have helped make this production become widely regarded as one of the best in the world.

The *Nutcracker* tells the tale of young Clara and her Christmas gift of a nutcracker doll, which she receives at a family Christmas party



A magical scene from *The Nutcracker* with Jenna Roberts as the Snow Fairy

from a mysterious magician. When she sneaks downstairs to play with her doll, on the stroke of midnight she is shrunk to the size of her doll, which must defend her against King Rat's army. So is swept up in a fantastical journey to a magical land where she meets the Snow Fairy, the Sugar

Plum Fairy and, of course, her handsome prince.

Tickets range from £19 to £56 and there will be matinees as well as the nightly 7.30pm performances. Contact the Hurst Street theatre via Birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

## Country life for Outsider Sarah

**SHE** has picked up numerous awards for her witty humour and frankness on her day to day life, so it is no wonder Sarah Millican has her sell-out crowds crying with laughter.

There was no stopping the Geordie lass in entertaining her audience with her side-splitting antics at her recent gig in Telford, and fans of her no-nonsense approach are in for a treat when she performs at Wolverhampton Civic Hall tomorrow (Fri) and Saturday night.

The TV and radio comedy panel regular is currently touring on her latest show Sarah Millican: Outsider which draws upon her recent move to the countryside for some of the biggest laughs.

Her show focused on her family life, tales of her cats: Brody and Ripley, her dog and her new husband. But the comedienne also covers thornier issues, such as body image to bullying. The South Shields comic may also reveal why she was pleased to turn 40 this year.

Sarah has appeared at The Royal Variety Performance and her debut DVD, *Chatterbox Live*, became the biggest selling stand-up DVD by a female comedian. She has released three more since. She has notched up appearances on top TV shows including *QI*, *Mock the Week*, *Have I Got News For You*, *8 Out of 10 Cats*, *Live at the Apollo*, *Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow*, and has chatted to Graham Norton, Jonathan Ross and Alan Carr on their respective chat shows.

Sarah's skills are in constantly keeping her audience on their toes with her constant down to earth comedy.



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### Tar very much for these rock veterans

KEY gigs over the next few days include wry Australian indie rocker Courtney Barnett at the Wulfrun Hall tomorrow (Fri), 80s synth popsters China Crisis at the Robin 2 in Bilston on Sunday and folk-rockers The Waterboys at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Monday.

Punk rock stalwarts in The Jack Tars at Robin 2 on Wednesday include Captain Sensible, Mike Peters and Slim Jim Phantom. Rock veteran Joe Brown will be looking back over a career that stretches from the 1950s, and no doubt plucking his ukulele, at Birmingham Town Hall on Saturday, and Josh Groban will sing show tunes at a sold out Symphony Hall on Sunday.

### Comedian Dave gets to the point

FANS have two chances to catch stand-up comedian Dave Gorman in the West Midlands on his latest tour, following the success of his *Googlewhack* and *Modern Life Is Goodish* shows.

This time the comic from Stafford will use the medium of Powerpoint to reveal his ideas.

Dave Gorman Gets Straight to the Point tonight (Thu) at Birmingham's Symphony Hall and again at the Wulfrun Hall in Wolverhampton on Sunday.

Upcoming comedy shows include Sarah Millican (see above), Stewart Francis' *Pun Gent Tour* at Symphony Hall on December 3, Noel Fielding at the Civic Hall on December 5.

### Young Fathers to join the Modfather

THE Modfather himself, Paul Weller, will be in concert at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham city centre tomorrow (Fri).

The former Jam man's last single was *I'm Where I Should Be* from his acclaimed 2015 album *Saturn's Pattern*, and it will be followed by *Pick It Up* next month.

Weller will be supported by Scottish trio Young Fathers who won the Mercury Prize for debut album *Dead* last year and this year released second album *White Men Are Black Men Too*.

It's full-on dance-rock at the Barclaycard Arena with Faithless on December 2 and The Prodigy on December 3.



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**By Bill McCarthy**

climbers, sailors, rowers, poets and literary giants have all found something to inspire them. Philanthropist John Ruskin and poet Williams Wordsworth put down lasting roots in the area as did children's novelist Beatrix Potter.

Lakeland is not huge and with millions of visitors, many using their cars on the twisty roads and fearsome passes, it can turn a holiday into a traffic-dodging nightmare. So a new initiative to get people more in touch with nature and out of their vehicles has been launched.

The new 'See More' project funded by the Department of Transport is encouraging visitors to leave cars at their hotels and find new ways to explore the Lake District and Cumbria. New additions for 2015 include a tour bus exploring the North Lakes and

extended early evening services on the 'hop on, hop off' Honister Rambler bus service, alongside regular cruises on Derwentwater aboard the Keswick Launch.

Our attempt at dumping the car took us to the swish hotel at Rothwaite in Borrowdale. The seven-bedroom establishment offers five-star accommodation and cuisine for those looking for a quiet break away from it all or more vigorous walks and climbs.

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Peter Capaldi

**Doctor Who (BBC1, 8.05pm)**  
The Doctor faces the greatest challenge of his many lives when he is trapped, alone, in a world unlike any he has ever seen. Pursued by a fearsome creature known only as 'the Veil', the Time Lord must attempt the impossible in one final test, and if he makes it through, the long-lost world of Gallifrey is waiting. Peter Capaldi takes centre-stage in what is effectively a one-man episode for the first half of this year's series finale.

BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Football Focus. 12.00 BBC News: Weather. 12.10 Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix - Qualifying. The battle for pole in the final round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). 2.05 Tennis: Davis Cup Final, Belgium v Great Britain. 5.10 Celebrity Mastermind. (R) 5.40 BBC News. 5.50 Regional Programme. **6.00 Pointless Celebrities.** David Coulthard, Mark Webber, Allan McNish, Claire Williams, Murray Walker, Nigel Mansell, Christian Horner and Suzi Perry take part in a Formula One-themed edition of the quiz. **6.50 Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present as the pro-celebrity dancing contest returns home to the studio following the trip away to Blackpool's Tower Ballroom. While the remaining seven couples might have come back to more familiar surroundings, there's no less glamour on offer, as Len Goodman, Darcey Bussell, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood appraise their performances in Ballroom and Latin routines. The stars are also given a chance to improve their initial scores in a Quickstepathon. Once all the competitors have had a second chance to dance, the viewing public will decide which two pairs will face each other in tomorrow's dance-off, which as ever will see one unlikely duo take the contest. **8.05 Doctor Who.** The Doctor is stranded alone on a strange world, and must face a creature known only as 'the Veil' as his quest to return to Gallifrey grows closer to a conclusion than ever before. **9.00 Casualty.** Cal contests the outcome of Matilda's paternity test, and makes a shocking discovery about his own history in the process. Meanwhile, Jacob proves he is now in control of his anger. **9.50 The National Lottery Live.** Special guest Jason Donovan performs live. **10.00 BBC News:** Weather. **10.20 Match of the Day.** Highlights of Manchester City v Southampton and Leicester City v Manchester United; National Lottery Update. **11.40 The Apprentice.** (R) **12.40 Weather for the Week Ahead.** 12.45 BBC News.

BBC2

**6.10 Race to Super Bowl 50.** 6.55 Film: Tennessee's Partner. (1955) 8.20 Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix - Practice Two. 9.55 Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix - Practice Three. 11.05 F1 Rewind - Amazing Races. 12.05 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip. (R) 12.35 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip. (R) 1.05 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The second round gets under way at the Barbican Centre in York. 4.30 Final Score. 5.10 Pig It. 5.40 The Great Pottery Throw Down. (R) **6.40 Great Continental Railway Journeys.** Michael Portillo traces the early 20th-century roots of the Spanish Civil War, which divided his family and sent his father into exile. The former politician discovers a nation fractured at the time by social tensions and regional loyalties, which today offer a rich diversity of cultures to delight the tourist. After arriving in Majorca from Barcelona, Michael spoils himself enjoying spectacular scenic views aboard a 1912 vintage railway and a 1913 tram. Last in the series. (R) **7.40 Japan: Earth's Enchanted Islands.** Michelle Dockery narrates a documentary examining the wildlife of the east Asian country, beginning with the animals that live on the island of Honshu. (R) **8.40 Dad's Army.** Walker is caught smuggling Italian POWs out of camp at night, but far from being a traitor, he is furthering the war effort - and making some money on the side. (R) **9.10 QI XL.** Bill Bailey, Jo Brand and Greg Davies join regular panellist Alan Davies and host Stephen Fry to meander through miscellaneous marriage and mating matters. **9.55 Film: Papadopoulos & Sons.** (2012) Premiere. A Greek millionaire loses everything he has in a financial crisis, leaving him with only one asset - his share in the fish and chip shop his father used to run. He is forced to return to his roots and work with his laidback brother to revive the family business. Comedy, starring Stephen Dillane. **11.40 Snooker: UK Championship.** Action from the second round at the Barbican Centre in York. **12.30 Snooker: UK Championship Extra.** 2.30 This is BBC Two. 5.45 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R)

ITV

**6.00 CITY:** Bottom Knockout Street. 6.10 Bottom Knockout Street. (R) 6.25 Bottom Knockout Street. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 7.05 Sined Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.05 Oddbods. (R) 7.10 Spool. (R) 7.25 Super 4. (R) 7.40 Adventure Time. 8.00 Marvel Avengers Assemble. 8.30 Thunderbirds Are Go. 9.00 Jessie. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 11.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 12.30 ITV News: Weather. 12.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 1.45 Judge Rinder. (R) 2.45 Doc Martin. (R) 3.45 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.45 Regional Programme: Weather. **6.00 ITV News:** Weather. **6.15 Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. **7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Actress Sally Phillips, musician Rick Wakeman, professional snowboarder Jenny Jones and impressionist Alistair McGowan pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser, as Bradley Walsh hosts another star-studded edition of the show. **8.00 The X Factor.** This year's live show phase continues, as the remaining would-be stars face the fifth round of pulse-quickening performances. As ever, Simon Cowell, Nick Grimshaw, Rita Ora and Cheryl Fernandez-Versini are on hand to appraise the competitor's talents, and presenters Caroline Flack and Olly Murs offer the sinners much-needed moral support on-stage. As always, tomorrow's show will see yet another act eliminated following another tense sing-off. **9.45 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge as the famous faces continue their ordeal in the Australian jungle. **10.45 The Jonathan Ross Show.** Luther star Idris Elba joins Jonathan in the studio, along with Celebrity Juice host Keith Lemon. Hollywood actress Liv Ullmann and wildlife documentary David Attenborough. **11.50 ITV News:** Weather. 12.05 Jackpot247. 3.00 Show Me the Telly. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.15 The King of Queens.** (R) 6.40 The King of Queens. (R) 7.05 Race of Champions 2015. 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.00 The Morning Line. 10.00 Frasier. (R) 10.30 Frasier. (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.55 The Simpsons. (R) 12.30 The Simpsons. (R) 1.00 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newbury and Newcastle. 4.00 Come Dine with Me. 4.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.30 Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00 Come Dine with Me.** Speed-dating expert Nikki Yucel hosts the final dinner party in Ipswich, and Kerrie Pankhurst reveals her feelings for another diner before the winner is announced. (R) **6.30 Channel 4 News.** **7.00 The World's Weirdest Weather.** Examining strange weather events from around the world, including cities buried in snow, plagues of locusts falling from the sky, and changes in temperature that boil lakes and leave frogs frozen solid. **8.00 Grand Designs: House of the Year.** Kevin McCulloch visits three more houses competing for a place on the finalist shortlist, including a timber and steel clad home in Dungeness, a pink brick house in Belfast, and an 18th century converted mill in rural Scotland. At the end of the show he announces the overall winner of the Royal Institute of British Architects House of the Year 2015, before visiting the house and discovering why it has been crowned the best new home in Britain. Last in the series. (R) **9.00 Film: 2 Guns.** (2013) Premiere. Two undercover agents - one working for the DEA the other for the Navy - infiltrate a drug cartel, only for the planned sting operation to go disastrously wrong. Both operatives become fugitives and must work together to survive - but both keep their true identity a secret, mistakenly thinking the other is a real criminal. Action adventure, starring Denzel Washington. **11.10 TFI Friday.** Chris Evans hosts the lively entertainment show, featuring Wolf Alice. (R) **12.15 Film: Easy A.** (2010) 2.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) 2.55 Fargo. (R) 3.50 Hollyoaks. (R) 5.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** 8.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. 9.30 The Saturday Show. 11.40 Film: Annie Claus Is Coming to Town. (2011) Christmas fantasy, starring Maria Thayer. 1.30 Film: The Christmas Shepherd. (2014) Drama, starring Teri Polo. 3.20 Film: Finding Mrs Claus. (2012) Premiere. Comedy, starring Mira Sorvino. 5.10 Film: Christmas in Conway. (2013) Premiere. Festive romantic drama, starring Andy Garcia. **7.00 5 News Weekend.** **7.05 Police Interceptors: Under Attack.** Special episode featuring footage of members of the unit coming under attack while trying to keep the bad guys off the streets, from axe-wielding criminals to thugs who are handy with their fists. (R) **8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Agents Delroy and Kevin face a web of deceit in an Italian delicatessen in South London as they chase a huge debt amounting to £29,000. Meanwhile, Steve and Paul must evict a tenant in North London who has not paid her rent for over 18 months, before heading to Cambridgeshire to make one of their most emotional evictions to date. Plus, Brian and Delroy track down a pensioner in Surrey who owes £15,000 for a business he bought four years ago. (R) **9.00 Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Huddersfield Town v Middlesbrough, Queens Park Rangers v Leeds United, Barnsley v Sheffield United and Plymouth Argyle v Leyton Orient. Plus, a round-up of the main talking points, and interviews with a selection of players and managers. **10.20 TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks.** A countdown of illusions that have stood the test of time on the small screen, featuring Penn and Teller, Derren Brown, David Blaine, Paul Daniels and Dynamo. (R) **1.05 The Gadget Show.** Jon Bentley explores the latest technology for the home. (R) 1.55 Supercasino. Live interactive gaming. 3.10 Soap Blatter Exposed: The Fall of FIFA. (R) 4.00 Gypsies on Benefits & Proud. (R) 4.50 Make It Big. (R) 5.45 Angels of Jarm. (R)

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**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth 7.15 Don't Tell the Bride 8.15 Top Gear India Special 9.45 Live at the Apollo 10.30 Russell Howard's Good News 11.00 Family Guy 1.15 Josh 1.45 Rent a Cop 2.15 The Fear 2.45 Live at the Apollo 3.30 Russell Howard's Good News 4.00 Close  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Empire of the Seas: How the Navy Forged the Modern World 8.00 Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen, Pirates and Rogues 9.00 The Bridge 11.00 Catching History's Criminals: The Forensics Story 12.00 Burt Bacharach: A Life in Song 1.30 Top of the Pops: 1980 2.05 Easy Listening Hits at the BBC 3.05 Sounds of the 70s 3.35 Close  
**ITV2**  
**12.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! 1.30 The Xtra Factor 2.30 Little Mix: The Hot Desk 2.45 Scorpion 3.40 You've Been Framed! 4.10 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! 5.40 Film: Hulk (2003) 8.25 Film: Back to the Future (1985) 10.45 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Now! 11.50 The Keith Lemon Sketch Show 12.50 Plebs 1.45 Viral Tap 2.35 Animal Practice 2.45 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen  
**ITV3**  
**11.35** A Touch of Frost 3.45 Film: Columbo: Identity Crisis (1975) 5.50 Wycliffe 6.55 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Colditz 11.00 Lewis 11.00 Wycliffe 1.55 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping  
**ITV4**  
**12.45** Live Darts: Players Championship. The opening second-round matches. 5.00 Sports Darts: New York 6.00 Fifth Gear 7.00 Live Darts: Players Championship. The concluding second-round matches. 11.00 Film: Midnight Run (1988) 1.35 The Big Fish Off 2.35 Movies Now 2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen  
**E4**  
**11.35** Couples Come Dine with Me 1.35 The Goldbergs 2.30 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) 4.20 Ruffian (ish) Tube Shows 4.30 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Film: Shallow Hal (2001) 10.15 Gogglebox 12.25 The Inbetweeners 1.30 The IT Crowd 2.30 Drifters 2.55 Rules of Engagement 4.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 4.55 Revenge  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Meet Dave (2008) 1.00 Parolorman (2012) 2.00 Time Bandits (1981) 5.05 Condo (1995) 7.20 Zoobander (2001) 9.00 The Iceman (2012) 11.10 American Mary (2012) 1.15 Dorian Gray (2009) 3.35 Close

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**Guy Martin: Last Flight of the Vulcan Bomber (Channel 4, 7.30pm)**  
It may not have the same name recognition of the Spitfire, but the Vulcan plane played a vital role in protecting UK interests during the Cold War era, and was also responsible for the longest raid in British military history when it was used to attack enemy targets in the Falkland Islands. So, it was only fitting that the last airworthy Vulcan bomber, the XH558, was given decent send-off. In the run-up to its final flight, engineer Guy Martin is given unprecedented access to the aircraft, learning more about its history and talking to the crews who faced the awesome responsibility of potentially dropping nuclear bombs. He also gets to fly in formation with the Vulcan.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Fern Britton Meets Shane Lynch. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.10** Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. The final round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.15** Escape to the Country. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** The Hunt. **5.50** BBC News.  
**6.10** Regional Programme.  
**6.20** Countryfile. John Craven visits a seed bank in Shropshire, where the Woodland Trust is working to preserve Britain's endangered trees. Ellie Harrison meets artist Matt Sewell and learns how he captures the character of birds in his art. Adam Henson investigates a plan to paint cattle to make them more visible to drivers at night, and Tom Heap reports on plans to use insects as feed for farm animals. Including Weather For The Week Ahead.  
**7.20** Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman reveal the results of last night's votes, before the two lowest scoring pairs compete in a dance-off. Plus, a musical performance from Adam Lambert.  
**8.00** Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the second visit in this series to Plas Newydd on the Isle of Anglesey. The team examine rarities including a cabinet with a secret function, a magazine rack made by celebrated designer Piero Fornasetti, a collection of historical items related to deafness, a Chinese silver punchbowl and a photo that has a connection to the Apollo 11 mission.  
**9.00** The Hunt. Animals on the hunt in deserts and grasslands, where neither predator or prey has anywhere to hide. Featuring footage of cheetahs, eagles, lions, hot rod ants and headlight beetles.  
**10.00** BBC News.  
**10.20** Regional Programme.  
**10.30** Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman introduces highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea at White Hart Lane and Norwich City v Arsenal at Carrow Road.  
**11.50** Citizen Khan. Mr Khan opens a fried chicken shop. (R)  
**12.20** The Graham Norton Show. (R)  
**1.05** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.30** Big Dreams Small Spaces. (R) **7.30** Countryfile. (R) **8.30** An Island Parish: Falklands. (R) **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.30** Simply Nigella. (R) **11.00** My Life on a Plate. (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **11.50** Tennis: Davis Cup Final. **3.15** Football: Women's Euro 2017 Qualifiers. England v Bosnia and Herzegovina (Kick-off 3.30pm). **5.25** Live Snooker: UK Championship.  
**7.00** Robert Peston Goes Shopping. The history of the retail trade in Britain concludes with a look at how the high street has been hit hard in recent times by the rise in online shopping and the financial crash. From Amazon to Zavvi, and the world's first pop-up mall in east London, Robert shows how the everyday shopping experience has changed and predicts how people will buy their goods in the future. Contributors include Amazon's UK MD Christopher North, ASDS boss Nick Robertson, and Sainsbury's chief Justin King. Last in the series. (R)  
**8.00** Ireland with Simon Reeve. Part two of two. The second leg of Simon's journey begins at the Giant's Causeway, before visiting a kelp farm on Rathlin Island. He heads to the Dark Hedges in Co Antrim, one of the filming locations from Game of Thrones, and visits Belfast for the July 12 Festivities, discovering how the event has divided the city. He also learns more about Cromwell's influence on Ireland, attends the Gaze film festival, and meets monkeys at an animal sanctuary in the Wicklow mountains.  
**9.00** The Secret History of the British Garden. The extraordinary changes that occurred in the 19th century, as advances in technology made gardens more lavish, but also more widely available. Monty pays a visit to Queen Victoria's royal retreat at Osborne and Derby's Arboretum, which was the country's first public park. He also investigates the scientific secrets behind the establishment of botanical gardens in Kew and Edinburgh.  
**10.00** Film: The Cider House Rules. (1999) Drama, starring Tobey Maguire and Michael Caine.  
**12.00** Snooker: UK Championship.  
**12.50** Snooker: UK Championship Extra. **2.50** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.45** Holby City. (R) **4.45** This is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITY: Bottom Knockor Street. **6.10** Bottom Knockor Street. (R) **6.25** Bottom Knockor Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Super 4. (R) **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **8.00** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.30** Fish Hooks. **8.45** Fish Hooks. **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.25** ITV News: Weather. **12.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.35** The Chase. (R) **2.35** The X Factor. (R) **4.20** Film: The Mummy Returns. (2001) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser.  
**6.35** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.45** ITV News: Weather.  
**7.00** Jekyll and Hyde. Robert is tormented by the recent tragedies that have befallen him, causing him to lose control of his transformations. Bulstrode reveals that military intelligence is holding Ravi prisoner, but will release him in return for Robert's help in investigating a series of strange killings. Robert takes on the case, and joins forces a vigilante also on the murderer's trail – but when the truth behind the slaughter emerges, it leads to his new ally becoming a dangerous threat that Bulstrode wants eliminated.  
**8.00** The X Factor. Caroline Flack and Olly Murs present last night's results, before the two lowest scoring acts compete against each other to decide who will be eliminated from the contest.  
**9.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present as the second week of the celebrity challenge draws to a close. The famous faces continue their ordeal in the Australian jungle, struggling to complete the tough daily tasks and dreaded Bustucker Trials, but has anyone emerged as the viewers' favourite and a possible king or queen?  
**10.30** ITV News: Weather.  
**10.45** Off Their Rockers. Royston events the ultimate mobile phone case. (R)  
**11.15** Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the latest round of fixtures in England's top flight.  
**12.15** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.00** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. (R) **6.05** The King of Queens. (R) **6.25** The King of Queens. (R) **6.45** Race of Champions 2015. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.45** The Simpsons. (R) **2.20** Emergency Animal Hospital. **3.20** Film: Parental Guidance. (2012) Premiere. Comedy, with Billy Crystal and Bette Midler. **5.25** Film: Sister Act. (1992) Comedy, starring Whoopi Goldberg.  
**7.15** Channel 4 News.  
**7.30** Guy Martin: Last Flight of the Vulcan Bomber. The mechanic joins a select crew of engineers working to prepare the last Vulcan bomber that is capable of flight for a farewell tour of the UK. The programme features contributions from former crew members, who recall its service in conflicts from the 1950s to the Falklands, as well as serving as Britain's nuclear deterrent.  
**9.00** Homeland. Carrie realises that she urgently needs Allison's help, while Quinn's plans undergo a significant change. Claire Danes, Miranda Otto, Rupert Friend and Sebastian Koch star.  
**10.05** Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (R)  
**11.10** Film: Bullet to the Head. (2012) A hitman and a police detective join forces to seek revenge on the man who murdered both their partners. Action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone, Sung Kang and Christian Slater.  
**12.50** Grand Designs Australia. Peter Maddison meets Sarah and Alistair Brodie-Fraser, a couple planning to build an English-style farmhouse in Queensland. **1.45** Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners. Featuring a man who only cleans his kitchen at Easter and Christmas, and a woman whose three-bedroom flat has not been given proper attention in 19 years. (R) **2.40** Four in a Bed. (R) **4.55** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. Using squid to prepare recipes. (R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal. Players try to beat the banker and guess the contents of mystery boxes, a – if they are brave enough to buy it with what they have won. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.30** Tickety Toc. (R) **6.40** Zack and Quack. (R) **6.55** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.00** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.15** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.25** Little Princess. (R) **7.45** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.00** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.25** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **9.00** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Football League Tonight. (R) **12.00** Access. (R) **12.05** Film: Road to Christmas. (2006) Romantic comedy drama, starring Jennifer Grey and Clark Gregg. **1.55** Film: The Heart of Christmas. (2011) Premiere. Drama, starring Candace Cameron Bure. **3.35** Film: The Little Mermaid. (1989) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Jodi Benson. **5.15** Film: Deck the Halls. (2006) Christmas comedy, starring Danny DeVito.  
**7.05** Police Interceptors: Dog Squad. A look at the police dog teams in the Cleveland and Durham specialist operations unit, observing the highly trained hounds and their handlers in training and in action. (R)  
**8.05** Impractical Jokers US. The guys pose as reporters getting public reactions to a fictional story, draw portraits of passers-by, queue jump at the theatre, and try to sell a bizarre flat.  
**8.30** Impractical Jokers US. The guys work in a bakery, where they must eat customers' cakes and challenge them to eating contests. The loser then has to pose as an avant garde artist.  
**8.55** 5 News Weekend.  
**9.00** Film: Gran Torino. (2008) Misanthropic Korean War veteran Walt leads an isolated existence, and has a tense relationship with his family and nothing but contempt for his neighbours. When a teenager attempts to steal his prized car, he ends up trying to reform the thief, making a connection with the boy's relatives and defending them from a street gang. Drama, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood.  
**11.25** Film: Justice. (2011) Thriller, with Nicolas Cage and January Jones. **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Formula 1: The Abu Dhabi Grand Prix – Highlights. **8.00** Top Gear. **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News. **10.00** Family Guy. **12.20** Josh. **12.50** Rent a Cop. **1.20** Russell Howard's Good News. **1.50** World's Worst Place to Be a Woman? Stacey Dooley investigates. **2.45** Sunny D. **3.00** Footballers. Sex, Money: What's Gone Wrong? **4.00** Close.  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Lost Land of the Tiger. **8.00** Horizon: Why Can't We Predict Earthquakes? **9.00** Film: The Deep (2012). **10.30** The Lighthouse Stevenson. **11.30** Digging for Ireland. **12.30** Horizon: Why Can't We Predict Earthquakes? **1.30** Icebound: The Greatest Dog Story Ever Told. **2.30** Lost Land of the Tiger. **3.30** Close.  
**ITV2**  
**1.55** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! 2.55 Catchphrase. **3.40** Film: Happy Feet (2006). **5.50** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **6.50** Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989). **9.00** The Xtra Factor. **10.00** You've Been Framed! **10.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Now! **11.35** Plebs. **12.35** Reality Bites. **1.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records. **2.05** Lawson: The Hot Desk. **2.15** Teleshopping. **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen.  
**ITV3**  
**12.50** Film: Columbo: Identity Crisis (1975). **2.50** Midsomer Murders. **6.55** Sunday Night at the Palladium. **7.55** Rosemary & Thyme. **9.00** Colditz. **1.00** Film: Closing the Ring (2007). **1.15** Film: 10 Little Indians (1974).  
**ITV4**  
**12.45** Live Darts: Players Championship. The quarter-finals. **5.00** Storage Wars: Texas. **5.55** River Monsters. **7.00** Live Darts: Players Championship. The semi-finals and final. **11.00** Film: Driven (2001). **1.15** Ray Mears' Close Encounters. **2.20** Nitro Circus.  
**E4**  
**12.30** Film: Astro Boy (2009). **2.20** Rude (ish) Tube Shorts. **2.55** Couples Come Dine with Me. **4.30** The Big Bang Theory. **8.00** Film: The Simpsons Movie (2007). **9.50** The Big Bang Theory. **10.40** The Inbetweeners. **11.50** The IT Crowd. **12.55** Film: Underworld: Awakening (2012). **2.35** Rules of Engagement. **3.20** Hollyoaks.  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Porco Rosso (1992). **1.00** Big Business (1988). **3.00** Anastasia (1997). **4.50** The Three Stooges (2012). **6.40** Cutthroat Island (1995). **9.00** Red (2010). **11.15** Me and You (2012). **1.05** The Station Agent (2003). **3.10** Close.

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FILM CHOICES

**MONDAY**  
**A Christmas Visitor, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A couple have not celebrated Christmas for 11 years, ever since the death of their son in the first Gulf War. However, their spiritual faith is restored when they are visited by a mysterious stranger who is the same age their boy would have been, had he survived. Drama, starring Reagan Pasternak. (2002)

**TUESDAY**  
**Possession, BBC1, 11.50pm**  
Rival academics get embroiled in the hunt for proof that Victorian poets Randolph Henry Ash and Christabel LaMotte were having an affair – but their rivalry is tempered by a seemingly irresistible attraction between them. Drama from playwright Neil LaBute, starring Gwyneth Paltrow. (2002)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**The Road, BBC1, 11.35pm**  
The world is devastated by a cataclysm that wipes out all the plants and animals and leaves the few remaining humans desperately struggling to survive. A man and his son make an arduous journey across a desolate America inhabited by cannibals, in search of sanctuary further south. Drama based on Cormac McCarthy's novel, starring Viggo Mortensen. (2009)



Mercury Rising, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm

**THURSDAY**  
**The Heart of Christmas, Channel 5, 11.30am**  
A successful businesswoman struggling to make time for her children is moved by the story of a boy who was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Realising he may not live long enough to see another Christmas, his parents decided to celebrate the holiday in October. Drama, starring Candace Cameron Bure. (2011)

**FRIDAY**  
**Mercury Rising, ITV, 10.40pm**  
A top-secret government agency has developed a seemingly unbreakable code – only for an autistic boy to crack it in an instant. Assassins succeed in gunning down his parents, but a maverick FBI agent investigating their deaths finds the child hiding in a closet, and resolves to shield him from the hitmen on his trail. Thriller, starring Bruce Willis, Alec Baldwin and Miko Hughes. (1998)

Series continues to prove wild at heart

Over the past few years, Ben Fogle's New Lives in the Wild series has seen him meet people all over the world who have given up the rat race and started afresh in some of the remotest places on the planet.

However, his new series, which continues on Channel 5 tonight, looks at those a bit closer at home, who have looked to escape the daily grind in search of a happier, and often more self-sufficient, life elsewhere in the British Isles.

It's the same concept, but on a lower budget, if you will.

Of course, upping sticks to live in a remote destination is familiar territory for Fogle, who first found fame in 2000 living on the remote Hebridean island of Taransay for BBC reality series, Castaway.

And in his heart of hearts the presenter still nurtures a dream of turning his back on his fame and fortune to live his own 'wilderness'.

He has even recently pinpointed an uninhabited Scandinavian island where he hopes to set up home.

"Island living is where I began on Taransay, and I have such fond memories of it," he explains.

"I'm only sorry that I don't think television is brave enough to make a series like that [Castaway] again – taking people out of their natural environment for a year.

"I think it's lost its innocence these days – none of us went there to become rich and famous, which seems to be a focus of so much reality TV nowadays. We simply wanted to establish a self-sufficient community."

Nevertheless, when you watch Fogle on TV and look at his prolific CV over the past few years, it appears unlikely that he could spend a year in any one place without getting itchy feet.

And the presenter is back on his travels once again for tonight's latest instalment of New Lives in the Wild UK.

Ben uses his considerable charm and empathy to bond with Simon and Debbie, a former estate agent and lawyer.

At the ages of 48 and 51 respectively, the couple swapped city life for a hidden valley smallholding in the middle of Exmoor National Park.

But it's not been easy by any stretch of the imagination.

With more than 100 animals – some kept for companionship, others destined for the table – the couple's life on Exmoor is a constant battle and one they cannot always win, as Ben soon learns.

During his stay, the host discovers how to rear, kill and cook 'extreme free range' pigs, then tries his hand at foraging in steep woodland and attempting to clear an old orchard with a stubborn horse who suffers from hay fever.

As with all the people he has met during the series, Ben has admiration for what the couple are trying to do.

"Over the last few years, there's a fast-growing group of people looking to regress and turn back the clock," he says.

"It's not been easy for any of them and their bravery and resilience is inspiring."



Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild UK, Thursday, Channel 5, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

**MONDAY**  
**Dino Autopsy: T-Rex, Channel 5, 9pm**

In the past, palaeontologists relied on bones and fossils to build a picture of the Tyrannosaurus Rex. But now in this documentary, they get to take a step forward as cutting-edge special effects, created in collaboration with esteemed experts, are used to create an anatomically complete replica of the prehistoric predator, which scientists can touch, smell – and dissect. To give you a sense of scale, the T-Rex has teeth up to 30cm long, eyes the size of grapefruits and a heart that's 100 times bigger than a human's. However, it also has proportionally tiny arms, and here the experts try to solve the riddle of how the dinosaur managed to use them to feed. They'll also be asking how the creature procreated and whether it was warm or cold-blooded.

**TUESDAY**  
**Kirstie's Handmade Christmas, Channel 4, 8pm**

It's now almost as traditional as egg nog and mince pies for Kirstie Allsopp to present a festive craft-making special. And here, as we enter December, is 2015's version – what's more, it will be shown over three nights, which means we can look forward to heaps of inspiration for our own festive

arrangements. The first edition sees Kirstie journey to Switzerland, a country that embraces Christmas and begins its celebrations in early December. She learns how to make a show-stopping garland, boozy fondue and personalised paper-cut pictures. Upcycling expert Jay Blades demonstrates how to turn a bookcase into a doll's house or castle, while makers and bakers try to impress with their trees, advent calendars and cakes.

**Capital BBC1, 9pm**

If you can't get enough of the excellent Toby Jones and Rachael Stirling in Detectivists on BBC4, then this compelling drama should leave you more than satisfied. This week, as the 'We Want What You Have' campaign intensifies, the worried residents of Pepys Road demand greater action from the authorities. However, while DI Mill looks for a breakthrough, other forces continue to transform the fortunes of the road's inhabitants. Returning home after her break, Arabella is concerned to find that rather than getting the house in order, Roger has hired the alluring Matya to help with the kids.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**This is Tottenham BBC2, 9pm**

In 2000, David Lammy became the MP for Tottenham, an area he knew well having grown up close to the Broadwater estate. He witnessed the riots there 30 years ago, and was aware of the problems in the area. During his time in office, other problems have hit Lammy's constituency, including the child abuse scandals of Baby P and Victoria Climbié, the shooting of Mark Duggan, and the 2011 riots. This documentary goes behind-the-scenes at Lammy's advice surgery, where around 6,000 local people call for help every year, offering an insight into the MP's work as he attempts to help a woman find her missing son and a young mother desperately attempting to get her child the life-saving operation he needs.



Kirstie's Handmade Christmas, Tuesday, Channel 4, 8pm

**THURSDAY**  
**The Secret Life of 6 Year Olds Channel 4, 8pm**

The documentary following three groups of youngsters moves on to the six-year-olds, who have the benefit of two years at school and are beginning to focus much more on their own identities. Kash and Elvin are keen to become group leader, but chaos ensues when the others cannot decide how to choose – by vote or by arm wrestle. Gentle Beatrice struggle to cope with defeat in a tug-of-war, asking her friends if they know the meaning of the word 'competitive', and there is romance in the playground as Elouisa declares her feelings for Kash.

**FRIDAY**  
**MOTD Live: FA Cup 2nd Round BBC2, 7.30pm**

Salford City v Hartlepool United (Kick-off 7.55pm). Action from the game at Moor Lane. Northern Premier League side Salford – co-owned by five ex-Manchester United stars from the 'Class of '92' – will be looking to cause another upset, having already defeated Hartlepool's League Two rivals Notts County 2-0 in the first round. Striker Danny Webber scored the opening goal in that game, before a sublime strike from Richie Allen wrapped up a famous victory.

  
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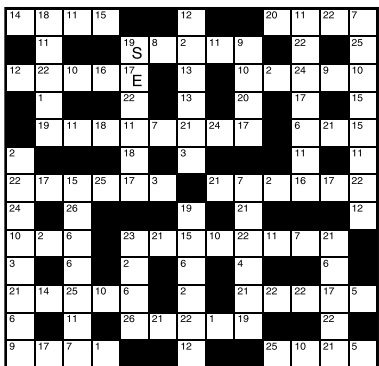
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# BRAIN GYM No.353

## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



1	14
2	15
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

L	F	G	W	Y	T	C	P	Z	E	K	U	M
O	I	B	D	R	S	X	Q	V	A	N	H	J

## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

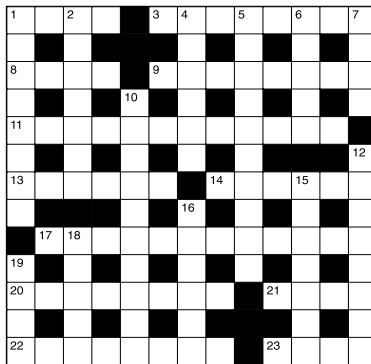
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

- Cut the end off a weed (4)
- Don't forget about one in society (8)
- Vegetable put on the fire, we hear (4)
- 9 & 19Dn. It gives one a chance to say one's piece (8,4)
- Transport the nursemaid has for a small charge! (4-8)
- Ronald disturbed by contemporary of De Quincey (6)
- Make an effort to give instruction after the start of school (6)
- Ask everybody to be quiet, as commercial travellers do! (4,3,5)
- Idolatri destroyed in a skillful way (8)
- Don't go on southern peak (4)
- The rate fluctuates with certain valued possession (8)
- Describing the desert in 'The Sahara Ride' (4)

#### Down

- Keep down, William, here's an aquatic burrower (8)
- Tempestuous monster! (7)
- Once a dock area from which to send out merchandise (6)
- I came into a dreadful state of malnutrition (10)
- Part of a tribe in Germany in existence (5)
- Carnivals lead to scraps (4)
- Academic bonds - old ones may have some snob value (6,4)
- I printed version that's courageous (8)
- Counter-checker (7)
- Sporting woodsman (6)
- Offer no opposition to some of the meagre emoluments (5)
- See 9 Across



### Quick Clues:

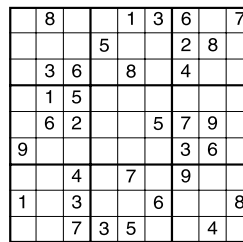
#### Across

- Yield (4)
- Valuable (8)
- Headland (4)
- Unmarried woman (8)
- Vexation (12)
- Extend (6)
- Famish (6)
- Undeniable (12)
- United (8)
- Inform (4)
- Imperil (8)
- Kind (4)

#### Down

- Talk (8)
- Hopelessness (7)
- Account (6)
- Establish (10)
- Excel (5)
- Certain (4)
- Ghost (10)
- Waking signal (8)
- Plundering (7)
- Orb (6)
- Wanderer (5)
- Highest degree (4)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

7	2	8	3	6	1	9	4	5
4	5	1	9	2	7	3	6	8
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Shift worker; 9 Tonsure; 10 Great; 11 Thirst; 12 Toured; 13 Occurs; 15 Taiwan; 18 Coracle; 20 Remus; 22 Place; 23 Chianti; 24 Beastliness. Down: 2 Hindi; 3 Founder; 4 Wreath; 5 Right; 5 Eyebrow; 7 Stethoscope; 8 Studentship; 14 Carnage; 16 Arraign; 17 Pencil; 18 Crews; 21 Minds. QUICK - Across: 1 Nondescript; 9 Elector; 10 Force; 11 Shell; 12 Overeat; 13 Recall; 15 Amount; 18 Meander; 20 Upset; 22 Noise; 23 Allegro; 24 Wealthiness. Down: 2 Obese; 3 Dullful; 4 Sorrow; 5 Rifle; 6 Parvenu; 7 Measurement; 8 Destitution; 14 Chalice; 16 Mauldin; 17 Preach; 19 Dwell; 21 Signs.

## Thinking space

## Quiz

- What is finocchio?
- What is the capital of Bermuda?
- In financial terms, what do the initials IBRD stand for?
- What did Elias Howe reputedly invent in 1844?
- What is the German name for Gdansk?
- From which language is the word coleslaw derived?
- What is a fumarole?
- Who founded the Bauhaus in Germany in 1919?
- In which year did Chiang Kai-shek die?
- In which North American city is Bay Street the financial centre?

### Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Strand Magazine; 2 Mohne and Edersee; 3 Charles Wesley; 4 Hohenzollern; 5 Bronzehead; 6 Glasgow; 7 France; 8 1929; 9 Helios; 10 17th.

### Niner: ARGUMENTS

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

4589 gives a fibre,  
128823 gives a cloth,  
76789 gives a stone.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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## WOLVERHAMPTON, 140 MERRIDALE ROAD

Imposing Detached Residence  
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large through Lounge, Study / Sun Lounge, 21ft Dining Kitchen, Utility, fitted  
Cloakroom, Four Bedrooms, one en-suite, magnificent house Bathroom,  
33ft Garage, Rear Garden with gazebo. EPC: E.46  
**Guide: £270,000 / £290,000**

VIEWING  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 27th & 28th November @ 10.00 a.m.  
WOLVERHAMPTON



## 130 THE LINDENS, NEWBRIDGE

Easy access to City Centre  
Second Floor purpose built Flat  
Spacious accommodation with Double  
Glazing  
Private Hall, 14ft Lounge, Dining Kitchen,  
Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom  
Garage. EPC: E.31

**Guide: £48,000/£53,000**

VIEWING  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
27th & 28th NOVEMBER @ 11.15 a.m.



## WOLVERHAMPTON 9 COALWAY GARDENS, MERRY HILL

Pleasant residential cul-de-sac –  
Well appointed Detached Bungalow, Double Glazing and Central Heating  
Fully enclosed Porch, wide Entrance Hall, Lounge with patio doors to Garden,  
well appointed Kitchen, Rear Hall, Utility, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom,  
Garage, separate Workshop, attractive Gardens. EPC: D.61  
**Guide: £138,000 / £143,000**

VIEWING:  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 27th & 28th NOVEMBER @ 12.00 noon



## WOLVERHAMPTON 32A BIRCHWOOD ROAD, PENN

First Floor Flat in a popular residential area  
Canopy Porch, impressive 14ft Lounge,  
Breakfast Kitchen, Pantry  
Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage and  
Garden. EPC: G.5

**Guide: £50,000 / £55,000**

VIEWING – Please Note: Access at rear via  
Ryecroft Avenue  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 27th & 28th  
NOVEMBER @ 11.00 a.m.



## WOLVERHAMPTON 71 OWEN ROAD, PENN FIELDS

Large Mid Terraced House with Gas Central  
Heating  
Enclosed Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room,  
Store, Kitchen, Utility, GF Bathroom,  
Three Double Bedrooms. EPC: TBA  
Garden to rear

**Guide: £53,000 / £58,000**

VIEWING  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 27th & 28th  
NOVEMBER @ 10.30 a.m.



## WOLVERHAMPTON, 419 STAFFORD ROAD, OXLEY

Investment Property  
Detached Bungalow, prominent position  
Spacious accommodation, Gas Central Heating  
Enclosed Porch, wide Hall, 20ft. Lounge, Din-  
ing Room, Two Verandahs, Kitchen, Store  
Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, 14ft. Loft Room  
Garage, off-road Parking, attractive Garden,  
EPC: TBA

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## WOODSETTON, Bosworth Close, 'The Poplars'

REMARKABLY SPACIOUS! Upon CORNER PLOT a stylish, double glazed, gas centrally heated DETACHED comprising; hall, cloakroom, living room, separate dining room, kitchen with a fine range of units, utility room. Principal bedroom with fitted units & shower room en suite, three further bedrooms, bathroom with white suite. Double (17'7 x 16'7) garage, professionally landscaped rear garden. EPC D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of **£249,950**



## NETHERTON, Hockley Lane

BY RESPECTED DEVELOPERS 'HORGAN HOMES'; Yew Tree Rise form an EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION of SEVEN LUXURY 'NEW BUILD' 3 & 4 BEDROOM HOMES including 2 SEMI-DETACHED and 5 DETACHED HOUSES - all beautifully finished with excellent appointments. EPC:

**£245,000**



## NETHERTON, Hockley Lane

This STUNNING DETACHED FAMILY HOME forms part of the 'Yew Tree Rise' development by respected HORGAN HOMES. Each property is CAREFULLY DESIGNED to offer MODERN SPACIOUS LIVING ACCOMMODATION finished with a high standard of appointment. EPC:

**£245,000**



## SEDGLEY, Bath Street

EXCITING CONTEMPORARY DESIGN! - Fastidiously appointed recently built SPACIOUS detached. Hall study lounge, OUTSTANDING Dining Kitchen Lobby laundry F/cloaks; FOUR Bedrooms (2 en-suite) bathroom DOUBLE GARAGE. EPC: C. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of **£229,000**



## PENSNETT, Cygnet Lane

This SUBSTANTIAL, EXTENDED, DETACHED PROPERTY comprises: Hall, Three Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Two Bathrooms, Garage, Fantastic Garden & FURTHER SAUNA ROOM which could alternatively be used as a 4th BEDROOM. EPC D

**£219,950**



## COSELEY, Flamborough Way

Attractive, conscientiously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached family home comprising; hallway, lounge, dining room (with double doors out to garden), refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, store, utility room, cloakroom. FOUR BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom. Garage, garden. block paved drive. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of **£210,000**



## WALL HEATH, Holcroft Road

An EXTENDED 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME located within a sought after address, close to shops/ schools, a position enhancing the BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED and WELL APPOINTED layout with CONSERVATORY. DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. EPC C

No upward chain

**£209,950**



## LOWER GORNAL, Sandstone Close

SCANDANAVIAN STYLE. Gas centrally heated, double glazed detached family home constructed to first quality specification & in exemplary order. Designed to match adjacent property with minimal energy/running costs the accommodation includes; hall, cloakroom, lounge, 19ft 'hub of the house' dining kitchen, garden room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. garden, GARAGE (rear), additional parking. EPC: C. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of **£189,950**



## DUDLEY, Belvoir Close, Milking Bank

ENLARGED, gas centrally heated, double glazed detached set in quiet 'backwater' in popular district. Block paved driveway and accommodation provides; hall, lounge, dining room opening through to UPVC CONSERVATORY, store, kitchen, vestibule/computer section, flexible 'family room' (alternative teenagers room/dining room/bedroom etc). Three bedrooms, bathroom. garden. EPC: TBC. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of **£180,000**



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#### SEDGLEY, Northway

CHAINFREE WITH HUGH POTENTIAL! Tremendously extended and enlarged FOUR BEDROOM detached house briefly comprising: To the Ground Floor: imposing hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen. To the First Floor: bedroom one (with en suite), bedroom three and four, bathroom. To the Upper First Floor: double bedroom two. To the Lower Ground Floor: Sitting Room, Study and a utility room. Tandem garage, garden. EPC:C. SEDGLEY

New



#### SEDGLEY, Wolverhampton Road

EDWARDIAN ELEGANCE! SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached of character retaining many fine period features comprising: hall, lounge, dining room, family room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom. Three double bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, VAST ROOF SPACE. Gardens, Vehicular access to EXTENSIVE PARKING. EPC:E. SEDGLEY

New



#### PENSNETT, Swan Street

THIS STUNNING NEW BUILD PROPERTY comprises: Hall, Guests Cloakroom, CONTEMPORARY KITCHEN, Attractive Lounge, THREE LARGE BEDROOMS (Master Bedroom with En-Suite), Well Appointed House Bathroom, Large Driveway & Substantial Rear Garden. EPC: B

FIXED PRICE: £249,950

Offers in the region of £200,000

£179,950

New



#### Kingswinford, Granville Drive

A STUNNING BRAND NEW HIGH SPECIFICATION LINK DETACHED 3 BEDROOM FAMILY HOME which enjoys a superb corner position. With DRIVEWAY to the fore and a landscaped low maintenance rear garden providing additional drive/parking space. EPC:TBA

£169,950

New



#### DUDLEY, East Street

THIS SUBSTANTIAL AND EXTENDED, SEMI-DETACHED HOME is furnished with a LARGE WELL FITTED KITCHEN and FOUR GENEROUS BEDROOMS. Also comprising: TWO RECEPTION ROOMS, FAMILY BATHROOM, En Suite Shower Room, Driveway, GARAGE and a Pleasant Rear Garden. EPC: D

£169,500

New



#### NETHERTON, Hockley Lane

YEW TREE RISE is an EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION OF SEVEN LUXURY NEW BUILD 3 & 4 BEDROOM HOMES by respected local developers HORGAN HOMES. PLOT TWO is a SEMI DETACHED HOME which is thoughtfully designed and WELL APPOINTED with a high spec. EPC: TBC

£165,000

New



#### BRIERLEY HILL, Henzel Croft

Encompassing an STUNNING CONTEMPORARY 'GLOSS STYLE' KITCHEN, THIS THREE BEDROOM HOME would make a FANTASTIC FIRST TIME BUY or FAMILY HOME. Also comprising: Hall, Stylish lounge, Guests W.C., Two Modern Bathrooms, Garage & Lovely Garden. EPC: B

£149,950

New



#### NETHERTON, The Beck

Forming part of this MODERN DEVELOPMENT, THIS GORGEOUS HOME comprises: Hall, Guests Cloakroom, Stylish Lounge, CONTEMPORARY BREAKFAST KITCHEN, THREE BEDROOMS (Master with En-Suite), Modern Bathroom, Pretty Garden, Off Road Parking. EPC: C

£139,950

New



#### BRIERLEY HILL, The Breeze

PERFECT for FIRST TIME BUYERS & YOUNG FAMILIES, THIS MODERN STYLE, THREE BEDROOM HOME comprises: Hall, Guests W.C., Stylish Lounge, Splendid Modern Kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, White Suite Bathroom, Pretty Rear Gardens, Allocated Parking. EPC:

£139,950

New



#### WOLVERHAMPTON, Farrington Road, Ettingshall Park

A fantastic opportunity to acquire a traditional semi-detached property which offers AMAZING POTENTIAL. Situated on the much sought after Farrington Road in the Ettingshall Park area this house offers: porch, entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, utility, THREE BEDROOMS, family bathroom, garage, enclosed rear garden, drive and garden to front. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BEST AND FINAL OFFERS to be received by midday on Friday 4th December 2015. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £134,950



#### BROCKMOOR, Fox Foot Drive

THIS LOVELY & EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED HOME would ideally suit FIRST TIME BUYERS has a FABULOUS GARDEN & GARAGE. Also comprising: Stylish Lounge. Contemporary Kitchen, TWO GENEROUS BEDROOMS, Modern Bathroom. VIEW EARLY! NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC: D

£129,950



#### HALESOWEN, Kestrel Road

An EXTENDED two bedroom end of terrace BUNGALOW well situated in this pleasant cul de sac having double glazing and gas central heating comprising: Block paved drive, Living diner, inner hall with store, Shower room, Two bedrooms, Kitchen and Rear garden. EPC: D

New price

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New



#### PENSNETT, Albert Street

THIS BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED & THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED, TWO BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME comprises: Pleasant Lounge, BREAKFAST KITCHEN, TWO FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS, Modern Well Appointed Bathroom, Pleasant Garden & VERSATILE LOFT SPACE. EPC: E

£114,950



#### DUDLEY, Old Park Road

EXTENDED, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & primarily either UPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached with potential in popular district comprising: porch, hall, lounge with bay, sitting room with patio doors, extended L shape kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, good size garden & tarmacadam foregarden (kerb dropped). EPC:D SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £109,950



#### SEDGLEY, Sandyfields Road

A most conveniently situated UPVC double glazed GROUND FLOOR FLAT within reasonable distance of so many day to day amenities, bus route, country park etc. Requiring some sympathetic updating the accommodation includes entrance vestibule, lounge, kitchen, inner hallway, TWO BEDROOMS, bathroom. Allocated garden, GARAGE - short lease. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY.

Offers in the region of £105,000



#### NETHERTON, Clarence Road

THIS SPACIOUS & MOST APPEALING, THREE BEDROOM HOME comprises: Hall, Pleasant Lounge, Fantastic Breakfast Kitchen, Guests W.C., THREE LARGE FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS, Bathroom, Paved & Lawn Frontage (No Dropped Kerb), Substantial Rear Garden. EPC: C

£104,995



#### COSELEY, Chad Road

A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY to acquire a property which offers GREAT POTENTIAL for improvement. This THREE BEDROOM semi-detached benefits from entrance hall, living room, breakfast kitchen, family bathroom, potential for driveway, rear garden, NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC rating TBC. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £84,950



#### DUDLEY, Land adj to 78 Old Park Road

Planning consent secured to construct a three storey three bedroom detached dwelling of approximately 144 square metres (excluding garage) in well established residential neighbourhood. Planning application T12/1063 Viewing arrangements and further details with agents Sedgley Office.

ASKING PRICE: £50,000



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- Modern Detached Property
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- Five Bedrooms, Three Bathrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
- Dining Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
- Useful Laundrette plus Ground Floor Cloaks
- Dressing Area off Master Bedroom
- Double Garage plus Ample Off Road Parking
- Private Rear Garden



£465,000



### WOODSETTON DALWOOD CLOSE

- Three Bedrooms Semi-Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen, Bathroom
- Central Heating (where specified)
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- 23ft Garage plus Off Road Parking
- Private Rear Garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Refurbishment Works Required



£139,950



### SEDGLEY WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

- Extremely Spacious Semi-Detached Home
- Impressive Family Residence
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom plus Ensuite Shower Room
- Fitted Kitchen plus Utility Area
- Downstairs WC
- Secure Off Road Parking To Rear
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£200,000

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- Delightful Gardens Front and Rear
- Central Heating, uPVC Double Glazing
- NO UPWARD CHAIN



£105,000



### DUDLEY FIR STREET

- Link Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room, Side Room
- 27ft Dining Kitchen
- Wet Room, Shower Room, Bathroom
- Cellar
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Rear Garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN



£162,000



### SEDGLEY WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

- Traditional Detached Residence
- Substantial Accommodation
- Three Bedrooms plus Attic Room
- Three Reception Rooms plus Garden Room
- Fitted Kitchen plus Laundrette
- Downstairs Cloaks
- Ample Off Road Parking & Two Garages
- Extensive Rear Garden
- Delightful Panoramic Views



£275,000



### SEDGLEY NORTHWAY

- Spacious Detached Bungalow
- Impressive Accommodation
- Three Bedrooms
- Good Size Living Room
- Kitchen Plus Laundrette
- Bathroom Plus Cloaks Room
- Off Road Parking Plus Double Garage
- Fully Enclosed And Private Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain



£295,000



### SEDGLEY BIRCH ROAD

- Substantial Semi-Detached • Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen, Downstairs WC
- Good Size Garage & Off Road Parking
- Central Heating (where specified)

£115,000



### UPPER GORNAL VALE STREET

- Three Storey Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms • Living Room and Dining Room
- Kitchen and Laundrette • Downstairs WC
- Bathroom • Ensuite Shower Room

£240,000



### UPPER GORNAL TUDOR VALE

- Three Bedrooms • Semi-Detached Property
- Quiet Position in Popular Location
- Living Room, Dining Kitchen
- Off Road Parking • NO UPWARD CHAIN

Offers Over £100,000



### ASH GROVE GORNAL WOOD

- Detached Bungalow • Two/Three Bedrooms
- Living Room plus Conservatory
- Off Road Parking plus Garage
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden • No Upward Chain

£215,000



### ETTINGSALL PARK WENDOVER ROAD

- Semi-Detached Family Home • Three Bedrooms
- Lounge Diner with Patio Doors Out
- Fitted Kitchen • First Floor Shower Room
- Off Road Parking plus Garage

£159,950



### BAGGERIDGE VILLAGE PLOT 152

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- Master Bedroom with Built-in Wardrobes

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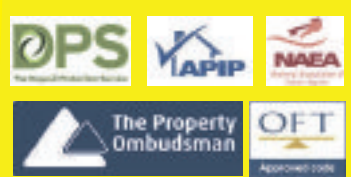
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<b>DUDLEY</b> Russells Hall Road  NEW FITTED KITCHEN • RE-DECORATED THROUGHOUT • LARGE DRIVEWAY • NO UPWARD CHAIN • Three bedroom semi-detached house situated on the popular Russells Hall Estate is a MUST VIEW. Comprising: Entrance hall, lounge/dining room, modern fitted kitchen, large pantry, bathroom with separate WC, rear garden with patio area, driveway to the front. EPC - D. <b>£127,950</b>	<b>TIVIDALE QUAYS</b> Bradshaw Close  TRINITY PROPERTY are pleased to offer for sale a great opportunity for a FIRST TIME BUYER or property INVESTOR. This mid terraced modern style property comes with an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two DOUBLE bedrooms, a family bathroom, rear garden and space for PARKING. With no upward chain, this property comes highly recommended. EPC - C <b>£91,995</b>	<div><b>WE CAN SELL YOUR HOUSE FOR</b> <b>£1200 INC VAT (£999 + VAT)</b> <b>NO SALE, NO FEE NO CATCH!</b></div>			<b>STOURBRIDGE</b> Rosemoor Drive  This property has a lot to offer! Located on the ground floor, beautiful rear garden, off road parking and all rooms are a good size! The current ground round is only £55 PER YEAR! Briefly comprising: lounge, inner hallway with two storage cupboards, master bedroom, white bathroom suite, fitted kitchen, rear garden and off road parking. NO UPWARD CHAIN EPC - D <b>£72,500</b>	<b>KINGSWINFORD</b> Halt Mews  A superb and well presented SEMI-DETACHED property on the highly demanded 'Himley View' modern development. This property has been much improved from the original specification having an entrance hall, guest WC, FITTED KITCHEN, spacious lounge, two DOUBLE bedrooms, master bedroom, a well kept rear garden. Having two parking spaces to the front, viewing is highly recommended on this fantastic home! EPC - C <b>£152,950</b>
<b>TIPTON</b> Bell Street  This is a spacious mid-terraced property located in Tipton and is close to local shops, amenities and excellent transport links. Having an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, three bedrooms, family bathroom, garage and a rear garden. Viewing is highly recommended EPC - D <b>£100,000</b>	<b>GORNAL</b> Goodrich Mews  A very well presented and well planned corner-terrace style property having a spacious entrance hall, guest WC, lounge, KITCHEN DINER with fitted appliances, first floor landing, master bedroom with ENSUITE, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and a garage. VIEWING IS A MUST! EPC - B <b>£142,995</b>				<b>OAKHAM</b> Greenfels Rise  This is an EXTENDED four bedroom DETACHED HOME in a private cul-de-sac location in a CORNER POSITION. Having an entrance hallway, guest WC, extended lounge, FITTED DINING KITCHEN with appliances, CONSERVATORY, Family bathroom, attractive garden to front, side and rear and a GARAGE. Located in the popular residential area of OAKHAM and has easy access to M5/M6 motorway links. The property comes highly recommended for early viewing. EPC - D <b>£258,950</b>	<b>DUDLEY</b> Cardoness Place  NO UPWARD CHAIN Trinity Property are pleased to offer a semi detached property in a popular location in Dudley. Having an entrance hall, SPACIOUS OPEN PLAN LOUNGE, kitchen diner with appliances, two bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear LANDSCAPED gardens and two separate parking spaces. VIEWING COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. EPC - D <b>£128,500</b>
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<b>TIPTON</b> Dougherty Close  Located near the local train station! This modern and well presented TWO bedroom apartment briefly comprising: Lounge, modern fitted kitchen, bathroom and allocated parking space. Call 01384 213395 for more information. EPC - D. <b>£525 PCM &amp; Fees</b>	<b>PENSNETT</b> Milton Street  A three bedroom semi detached house that has been fully refurbished throughout and briefly comprises of kitchen, downstairs WC, upstairs bathroom, driveway and garden to the rear. DSS considered with a guarantor. Pets considered. EPC - E <b>£525 PCM &amp; Fees</b>	<b>DUDLEY</b> Lingwood Hall  LUXURY TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT. Conveniently located; within walking to Dudley town centre. Briefly comprising: spacious lounge with dining area, modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, spacious bedrooms, master bedroom having en-suite and family bathroom. Gated secure allocated parking with intercom. No DSS, pets or smokers. Available NOW. EPC - E <b>£525 PCM &amp; Fees</b>	<b>DUDLEY</b> St James's Road  A recently refurbished stunning conversion which is located on the first floor and briefly comprises of open plan lounge/kitchen/dining area, two good sized bedrooms, bathroom and plenty of storage. Easy walking distance to Dudley Town Centre. Viewing is highly recommended. No pets. No DSS. Available for long term rent. EPC - C <b>£525 PCM &amp; Fees</b>	<b>TIPTON</b> Bean Drive  A modern well presented TWO bedroom TOP floor apartment. Briefly comprising: secure entry system, modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, lounge, family bathroom with power shower and allocated parking. No DSS or pets. Available to view now. EPC - B. <b>£495 PCM &amp; Fees</b>	<b>TIVIDALE</b> Anchor Drive  A well presented modern TWO bedroom coach house. Conveniently located near a train station this property is a must view. Briefly comprising: modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, lounge, family bathroom with shower, two GOOD sized bedrooms. Small rear garden and allocated parking. No DSS or pets. EPC - C. <b>£495 PCM &amp; Fees</b>	<b>TIPTON</b> Anchor Drive  A modern, two bed ground floor apartment - nicely presented, ready to move into! Having a spacious, open plan lounge with dining area, kitchen area off with built-in cooker, two double bedrooms and house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Double glazing and electric storage heating. Available part or unfurnished, allocated parking space. No DSS, no pets - available for long term rental. EPC - C <b>£470 PCM &amp; Fees</b>
<b>DUDLEY</b> Ivanhoe Street  This three bedroom end of terrace house is located near Dudley town centre. AVAILABLE NOW and briefly comprising: two reception rooms, kitchen with cooker, family bathroom. Unfurnished. DSS considered with guarantor. EPC - D. <b>£435 PCM &amp; Fees</b>	<b>DUDLEY</b> Burton Road  A three bedroom mid terraced house located with excellent transport links and easy access to Dudley and Sedgley. The property briefly comprises of lounge, dining room, kitchen and garden to the rear. No pets. DSS considered with a guarantor and deposit. Available to view now EPC - E <b>£400 PCM &amp; Fees</b>	<b>TIVIDALE</b> Alexandra Way  GROUND FLOOR one bedroom apartment located in Tividale. Having an open plan lounge & kitchen including cooker and fridge and bathroom with shower. Unfurnished. Dss considered with guarantor. No pets. EPC - D <b>£375 PCM &amp; Fees</b>	<b>DUDLEY</b> High Street  One bedroom second floor apartment located in Dudley town centre. The property briefly comprises of open plan lounge and kitchen and a bathroom with the shower over the bath. . Unfurnished, DSS considered with a guarantor. EPC - B <b>£365 PCM &amp; Fees</b>	<b>BRIERLEY HILL</b> Station Road  Located within walking distance to local amenities and excellent transport links this is a mid terraced house where the landlord lives and offers a private double room to rent with shared lounges, kitchen and bathroom. The rent includes all bills - gas, electric, water, council tax, TV licence and broadband. The room is ideal for a cat lover and would ideally suit a professional 25+ female. Available now. EPC - F <b>£320 PCM &amp; Fees</b>	<b>BRIERLEY HILL</b> Station Road  Double room to rent. Suit a 25+ working female, shared lounges, kitchen and bathroom. Cat lover ideal. Landlord on site. Room located within a three bedroom mid terraced house. The rent includes all bills - gas, water, tv licence, council tax and broadband. EPC - F <b>£280 PCM &amp; Fees</b>	<b>NETHERTON</b> Halesowen Road  A nicely presented one bed flat within walking distance of Netherton centre with accommodation set over three floors. The flat has a modern fitted kitchen, a good sized lounge/diner, kitchen and bathroom. Unfurnished, shared garden with barbecue area to rear and secure outside storage available (suitable for motorbike etc). DSS considered with a guarantor, no pets, available for long term rental. EPC - D <b>£100 P/W &amp; Fees</b>



# Lexus is a smooth operator

By Sharon Walters

There is no question that rock 'n' roll is great music, but the term means something much less fun when used to describe the quality of ride you get from your car. Lexus has designed and equipped its new RX to put an end to rocking and rolling, whether you are travelling on the highway, or driving on rougher off-road surfaces.

The new luxury SUV's active suspension performance moves to a higher level, securing a smoother and more stable ride and a more rewarding driving experience. The system design has been updated and customers can specify an Adaptive Variable Suspension system for sportier performance. Ride and handling have also been

improved thanks to the engineering of a significantly more rigid vehicle body. The new RX features an updated version of the suspension system used in the current model: MacPherson struts at the front and a rear trailing arm and double-wishbone set-up, with components fine-tuned for extra stability when cornering and improved handling overall. Changes include a larger front anti-roll bar, which gives both a crisper turning response and better ride quality.

### Adjusts

Sportier performance can be gained from Lexus's Adaptive Variable Suspension (AVS), a standard feature of the F Sport and Premier grade models. This automatically adjusts the damping force delivered by the shock absorbers at each wheel in response to the quality of the road surface and the driver's inputs.

For example, on rough roads, the system switches to a more compliant setting to maintain comfort. When driving through



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a bend, the damping force is firmer, to reduce body roll and give the RX more performance-focused, flatter cornering.

As well as advanced suspension tuning and technology, the new RX reaps the benefits of having a more rigid body – a fundamental quality that has a positive impact on its handling, comfort and cabin quietness, as well as providing more robust crash protection.

Lexus has achieved this with innovative techniques, including a new ring-frame construction method to create stronger


sections around the front and rear doors. Panel joints have been made stronger using high-tech body adhesives and laser screw welding, and high-tensile-strength steel has been used at strategic points throughout, including the A and B-pillars and underbody crossmembers. Extra spot welds around the rear of the body also contribute to the car's strength and handling stability.

The new RX is available to order now, with first deliveries to UK customers from January.




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\*Nil Advance Payment on SX4 S-Cross S23 model only. Nil Advance Payment available on all Celerio models. Nil Advance Payment on Swift models excluding Swift S24 4x4 and Swift Sport which have a higher advance payment. The above fuel consumption figures are based on an EU test for comparative purposes only and may not reflect real driving results. The Motability Contract Hire Scheme is available to the recipients of the Higher Rate Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance, the Enhanced Rate of the Mobility Component of Personal Independence Payment, War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement or Armed Forces Independence Payment and is administered by Motability Operations, City Gate House, 22 Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HB. The facilities offered are for the hire of goods. This offer is available on orders placed with participating dealers between 1st October 2015 to 31st December 2015, subject to availability and is not available in conjunction with any other offers. Full written quotations and details, including terms and conditions, are available on request. All prices and specifications are correct at time of going to press.



# Great black Friday deals

## Commercial feature

Thinking about replacing your current car? Well, you're in luck because when it comes to buying a new or used car you'll find it very difficult indeed to beat the impressive deals offered by Dudley Motor Company, T. Wall Vauxhall, Halesowen Motor House and Stourbridge Motor House. No, it's true – offers on cars don't come better than this.

Due to the huge success of their BIG event recently, these five dealerships have combined forces to offer you incredible savings on a vast range of new and used cars during 'Black Friday Weekend.'

There's 0% interest-free\* finance along with generous finance deposits on selected new cars. And if you're thinking of travelling along with used car route, all four dealerships have plenty of models to choose from and all used vehicles will be reduced in price from this Black Friday, November 27 and over the following weekend up until close of business on the Sunday. With fantastic low-rate HP and PCP

(Personal Contract Purchase) plans available there will never been a better time to buy a new or used car.

And there's more good news for new car buyers too, as there will also be big surprise offers on the part of Vauxhall not known by the sales team at the moment.

### Vauxhall Black Country Group

Dudley Motor Company Vauxhall, Trindle Road, Dudley; T. Wall Vauxhall, High Street, Pensnett, Kingswinford; Halesowen Motor House Vauxhall, Dudley Road, Halesowen; Stourbridge Motor House (Vauxhall), 47 High St, Stourbridge.

Long established as one of the UK's market-leading motor manufacturers, Vauxhall offers a superb range of models straddling all areas of the market, from the ADAM and new Viva city cars and ever popular Corsa, to the sleek new Astra, newly-revised Insignia, the big-selling MOKKA crossover and two leading MPVs, the 5-seat Meriva and 7-seat Zafira Tourer. All models are amongst the best sellers in their respective market sectors.

### Ford

T. Wall Ford, High Street, Pensnett, Kingswinford.  
Ford is the UK market leader in terms of sales, its range featuring top-selling favourites such as the KA, Fiesta, Focus, Mondeo and five spacious MPVs, namely the five-seat B-MAX, five-seat C-MAX and 7-seat Grand C-MAX, the sleek new 7-seat S-MAX and Galaxy people carrier. Then there's excellent Kuga crossover and impressive new EcoSport compact crossover to consider.

### Suzuki

Halesowen Motor House Suzuki, Dudley Road, Halesowen.

Over at Halesowen Motor House on Dudley Road, they represent Vauxhall and Suzuki. Suzuki is one of the fastest-growing car brands in the UK and sales continue to rise. That can hardly be seen as surprising as Suzuki's cars are exactly right for today's motoring conditions. They're very economical, clean when it comes to CO2 emissions, inexpensive to own and very affordable to purchase. What's more, Suzuki's cars are stylish, practical and great to drive, too. Little wonder that there is so much demand for its vehicles.



Why not check out the outstanding new and used car range at these five family-owned dealerships this Black Friday Weekend, particularly as you'll find plenty of exceptional deals from Friday, November 27 up until Sunday close of business at 4.30pm.

Dudley Motor Company, T. Wall Vauxhall, Halesowen Motor Company and Stourbridge Motor Company are strategically placed to cover the whole of the Black Country.

The friendly sales teams understand that buying a car has to be a considered decision. So they're offering you an opportunity to take your time over this forthcoming weekend so that you are able to make an informed decision, take a test drive and discuss your requirements within a relaxed and pleasant, non-pressurised environment. That way, you'll gain a car that's exactly right for you taking into

account your preferred model, specification, car tax and insurance details and lifestyle requirements.

The 'Black Friday Weekend' starts this Friday at the following locations across the Black Country:

Dudley Motor Company (Vauxhall), Trindle Road, Dudley, West Midlands DY2 7AY. Tel: 01384 454100

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\*£5,705 discount available on vehicles ordered between 27th and 30th November 2015, which are subsequently registered by 31st December 2015. #Official EU-regulated test data are provided for comparison purposes and actual performance will depend on driving style, road conditions and other non-technical factors. Correct at time of going to press.





# Toyota's RAV4 now available in hybrid

By James Parker

**Toyota is introducing hybrid power to the RAV4 in one of the most significant changes to the model since it created the European compact recreational SUV market in 1994.**

The new model range is now available to order in the UK, with a choice of powertrains which includes the 2.5-litre full hybrid, a new 2.0-litre D-4D diesel and a revised 2.0-litre Valvematic petrol with improved fuel economy and CO2 emissions. Both front-wheel and all-wheel drive versions are offered. Active 2.0 D-4D front-wheel drive. On-the-road prices from £23,695.

At the same time Toyota is upgrading equipment specifications across the board and introducing Toyota Safety Sense – a package of integrated active safety and driver assistance features – as an option on all versions of RAV4 beyond the entry-point model.

Toyota is offering customers more choice and improved equipment specifications with a new five-grade line-up that introduces Business Edition Plus trim and changes the flagship designation from Invincible to Excel.

The entry level Active grade features the new 2.0 D-4D diesel engine and comes equipped as standard with a wealth of extra equipment features. These include the Toyota Touch 2 multimedia system with touchscreen, six-speaker audio system with DAB radio, cruise control, sunglasses holder, shark fin antenna and leather steering wheel cover. This is an addition to current items including 17in alloys, LED daytime running lights, air conditioning, rear privacy glass and electric door mirrors.

The RAV4 Business Edition – also powered by the 2.0-litre diesel engine – gains front and rear underruns. Elsewhere it retains its high-value specification, with highlights including Toyota Touch 2 with Go navigation and on-board connectivity system, dual-zone automatic air conditioning, front fog lamps, retractable door mirrors, automatic headlights and wipers, rear-view camera and an auto-dimming rear-view mirror.

The new Business Edition Plus is launched as a hybrid/ front-wheel drive-only grade and comes with LED front and rear lights, a power tailgate, keyless entry and push-button start.

## Alloy

All three powertrains and front and all-wheel drive options are offered in Icon trim. Key additional features include 18in machined-finish alloy wheels, LED headlamps, combination leather and Alcantara upholstery, electrically-adjustable driver's seat (with power-adjustable lumbar support), heated front seats and an Alcantara dashboard finish. On these models the Toyota Touch 2 system is provided with an optional upgrade to Go status with satellite navigation and connectivity functions.

The Excel models adopt the full Toyota Touch 2 with Go package, plus leather upholstery, roof rails and front and rear parking sensors.

Toyota Safety Sense is available as an option (£695) on all versions of the new RAV4, apart from Active grade. The package of integrated active safety and driver assistance includes a radar-controlled Pre-Collision System that can detect both vehicles and pedestrians on the road ahead. This works in conjunction with a pre-collision brake and brake assist to alert the driver to the imminent risk of a collision, prepare the brakes to deliver extra stopping power and, if the driver fails to react, to initiate braking autonomously.

The same radar unit also equips RAV4 with adaptive cruise control, which helps the driver maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front. Other features include road sign assist, which recognises principal motorway and major route signs and repeats on the TFT screen in the driver's instrument binnacle.

Camera sensors monitor the white lines of motorways and major dual carriageways to provide a lane departure alert, warning the driver if the vehicle strays out of its lane without the turn indicators being used. The same system also provides a new sway warning, detecting from irregular vehicle movements that the driver may be becoming drowsy. If it believes the driver's attention is becoming potentially unsafe, it will flash up a sway warning alert on the TFT screen with a coffee cup image, recommending the driver takes a break from the wheel.

Toyota Safety Sense is completed by automatic high beam, which maximises full-beam headlight operation. The system detects oncoming traffic and vehicles ahead and automatically dips the lights, returning them to full beam as soon as the road ahead is clear. This function can be switched off if the driver prefers to operate the lights manually at any time.

Two new exterior colours are available for RAV4: Blue Crush and Barcelona Red. Cabin trims are unchanged.

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	06/56 Jaguar XJ Sovereign 2.7TDV Diesel Automatic 60k, Silver, Alloys, Premium Cream Leather, Sat-Nav, Top Spec - Every Extra <b>£9995 / £51 Per Week</b>		11/60 Vauxhall Meriva Exclusive 1.4 Turbo 39k, Silver, Alloys, Air Con, CD Player, E/Windows <b>£5495 / £26 Per Week</b>
	06/06 Mercedes CLS CLS320 CDI Diesel 4dr Tip Automatic, 75k, Silver, Black Leather, Alloys, Sat-Nav, Climate Control <b>£9495 / £49 Per Week</b>		12/62 Citroen C3 Picasso VTR Plus 1.6 HDI Diesel "ONLY £30 ROAD TAX" 112k, Red, Alloys, Air Con, CD, E/Windows <b>£4995 / £24 Per Week</b>
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Finance example: 10/10 Chevrolet Spark 1.0 plus, Cash Price £3495, Deposit £300, Amount of credit £3195, Fixed interest rate 6.25% Flat rate, 11.8% Apr, 60 Payments of £69.90 (£16.13 per week) Total amount payable £4793.44 (includes £150 Document fee and £150 Completion fee, Subject to status)

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"The Corsa is one of our most-loved cars, especially among young drivers so we're really pleased to be helping young and mature drivers alike with this insurance offer, and getting even more motorists in Stourbridge on the

road," said Michael Casey, general manager at Stourbridge Motor House.

As well as this great offer, Vauxhall is running a Scrappage Allowance scheme when customers trade in their old motor. This means a 21-year-old customer could benefit from the £2,000 allowance, which would result in a £1,190 finance deposit contribution and payment of just £193 per month over 36 months for a Corsa three-door 1.2-litre Limited Edition, which includes one year's free insurance and one year's free OnStar featuring emergency response notification, stolen vehicle recovery technology and 4G Wi-Fi\*\*.

Vauxhall's Scrappage Allowance scheme helps customers take advantage of a £2,000 (including VAT) scrappage trade-in against most new

passenger cars in its range. To qualify for the scheme, customers must have owned their trade-in vehicle for a minimum of 90 days. There is no upper age limit for cars and any manufacturer's vehicle will be accepted.

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12 62	INSIGNIA Sri NAV 2.0CDTi SPORTS TOURER SILVER LAKE 19,800 MILES	£11,495	£10,795	£700
14 64	INSIGNIA LIMITED 2.0CDTi 140ps ECO CARBON FLASH 13,900 MILES EX DEMO	£14,995	£14,695	£300
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# Marque focused on G57

By Sharon Walters

**Ginetta has proven itself as the manufacturer of the fastest LMP3 car in the world. Now the Yorkshire marque turns its attentions to a new-for-2016 car; the Ginetta G57.**

With a class first and second in the inaugural European Le Mans Series driver and teams championship, Ginetta has been the dominant force throughout the inaugural LMP3 season, taking a clean sweep of class victories.

A fantastic partnership between Ginetta, the ACO and ELMS throughout the development and delivery of the LMP3 class allowed all parties to make a success of the inaugural season, one which will undoubtedly continue into 2016. With its position as a rising star in sports prototypes cemented, the Yorkshire manufacturer now switches its

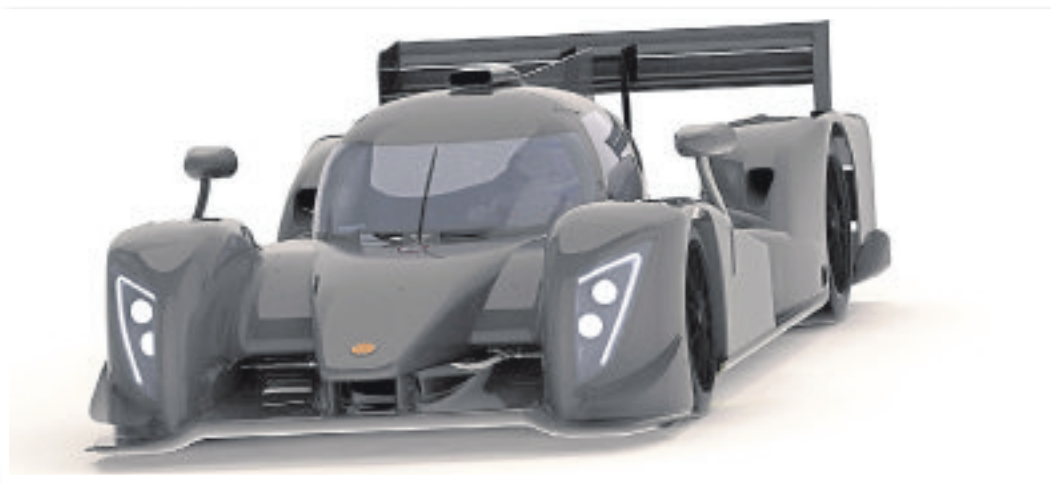
attention to the ongoing development of the new Ginetta G57.

Designed to increase export of the British brand, which already stands at circa 50 per cent of all sales, the Ginetta G57 represents a cost-effective prototype, eligible for sports car competition across the globe.

## Suited

With a view to complement the already established Ginetta formulae, which includes four single-make championships, a number of franchised European series in Italy and Sweden, plus a large presence in the USA with the Ginetta G55, the Ginetta Prototype will be suited to all levels of driver grade, experience and ambition.

Comprising a Chevrolet LS3 engine with 580bhp, the Ginetta G57 will offer a robust drivetrain, providing unrivalled performance with additional power and heightened value for money. In addition, the car will feature an unrestricted aerodynamic package, delivering some of the quickest lap times for cars of this genre.



**‘Ginetta G57 represents a cost-effective prototype, eligible for sports car competition across the globe’**

Lawrence Tomlinson, chairman of Ginetta explained; "European Le Mans Series provided the perfect platform to further introduce the Ginetta brand to the European marketplace, and we worked closely with the ACO to ensure both the car and the series were a success.

"As a business, we must now continue towards our goal of increasing export, which inevitably means creating a new, and significantly faster, car which is eligible for competition on a number of different global platforms."

Ewan Baldry, Ginetta technical director added; "We've had a great season with ELMS, but Team LNT had only ever planned to contest one full season. For 2016, we will continue to support our customers who remain within the series, but as a manufacturer, our attentions now turn to the Ginetta G57."

The Ginetta Prototype has already been accepted for competition in VdeV and various open sports car championships. Team LNT also claimed a win and a second place in the previous two VdeV events.

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Customer deposit	£0	Representative	4.9% APR	Selected annual mileage	6,000
Kia deposit contribution	£1,200.00	36 monthly payments	£380.73	Excess mileage charge	14.9p per mile
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# Delight in taking spin in a classic

By Ian Donaldson

**I BROKE** the most valuable Skoda in the world (it's insured for £250,000) before it had moved a single inch. Talk about feeling a proper idiot.

Still, at least I'd managed to sit in the cockpit of the car; a gorgeous looking open two-seater designed more for racing lightness than six-footers with size 12 feet.

And, while a pair of cheerful mechanics worked away under the bonnet to reattach the throttle cable dislodged by an over-enthusiastic right foot prod, I had time to glance over this miniature masterpiece, from a chassis made of masses of tubes to a skimpy body looking like a 1950's schoolboy doodle of the perfect racing car.

For anyone who thinks Skoda has only ever made road cars with an emphasis on value, here is evidence that deep in the psyche of the Czech company once burned a desire to win on the track.

So, back in 1957 it unleashed a couple of fibreglass-bodied roadsters in a racing programme that took them to modest successes on the other side of what was then a very heavy Iron Curtain.

## Message

Now, the one remaining Spider in running condition (and fresh from a £30,000 engine rebuild in the UK, where it now lives) is being used to punch home the message that Skoda has been around a long time, in one form or another.

Since 1895, to be precise, when a couple of keen cyclists began designing and building two-wheelers called Slavias, adding motors four years later and becoming Laurin and Klement (their surnames). The first car appeared in the early 1900s and then, in a merger in 1925, Skoda arrived.

Older readers will recall model names like Felicia and Favorit, attached to machines that lacked the panache of Western rivals, but were cheap to buy and run, and tough with it.

Then, in 1991 Skoda became the fourth brand in the Volkswagen group and it began quickly to lose the budget tag, replaced with cars that happily pinched bits from dearer VWs to produce machines that were now properly modern and good value.

But back to the Skoda Spider, now mended and revving its little 1,098cc engine in prospect of a visit to the modest race track provided for us at Bicester Heritage, carved from 348 acres of a former 1920's RAF bomber station.

Now, if barely a litre sounds puny, it's worth pointing out that the engine bears little relation to anything you would have found in a roadgoing Skoda of the time – as its 92 horsepower output and the Spider's 125mph top speed testify.

It's also light; at 550 kilos much less than the weight of a Harley Davidson motorbike with chunky rider aboard.

So, the car will fly if provoked. Which, with rain falling in enthusiastic amounts and the track awash, I was not keen to do. Especially as my spectacles lacked windscreen wipers and my big feet found it easier to operate two pedals at once rather than one.

Oh, and however hard you pressed the middle pedal, the drum brakes stayed asleep, only deigning to flicker an eyebrow of interest as your right thigh began to quiver with the effort of application.

It did make lovely noises, though, as I crunched up and down the gears (housed in a gearbox between the rear wheels) and persuaded the rev counter to flicker round to a figure that gave a gentle taste of the Spider's potential.

The steering was a positive delight, with the thin, string-wrapped wheel feeding back an accurate description of the tarmac below.

Which must have been welcome when the Spider was used in anger more than half a century ago. No seatbelts, of course. No roll cage, no bodywork (to speak of) and almost no brakes.

Miroslav Fousek and Jaroslav Bobek, the two men who took the pair of Spiders to a one-two in Leningrad in 1962, I salute you.



# Navara prices are released by Nissan

By Sharon Walters

Nissan has announced full pricing and specifications for the all-new NP300 Navara – the rugged, dependable and capable workhorse with crossover-style comfort and class-leading technology, which will propel the brand back to the top of the pick-up segment.

Available in Nissan showrooms nationwide from January 2016, the new model, which builds on Nissan's 80-year pick-up heritage, will be available in five distinct trim grades – Visia, Acenta, Acenta+, N-Connecta and Tekna – and will be priced from £18,376.

Customers of the all-new NP300 Navara will have the flexibility to tailor their vehicle so that it can meet the requirements of the toughest job or the most demanding of lifestyles. The pick-up can be specified with either a double cab or a king cab and a 190PS twin-turbo or 160PS single turbo version of the new 2.3-litre dCi engine.

There's also a choice of two or four-wheel drive and a six-speed manual or seven-speed automatic transmission.

Many of the new model's advanced safety features – including a number of first-in-class technologies – are incorporated across the range as standard. This includes forward emergency braking on all double cab models; driver, passenger, side, knee and curtain airbags; electronic limited slip differential (eLSD); hill start assist and hill descent control (on 4WD models).

## Appealing

Developed with the aim of delivering Nissan crossover-style comfort and refinement to the pick-up sector, even entry-level versions of the NP300 Navara are competitively specified with an appealing array of on-board equipment.

Visia models, for example, feature manual air conditioning (4WD), five-link rear suspension (DC), Bluetooth telephone integration, steering wheel-mounted audio controls, an AUX socket for MP3 connectivity, a USB port, three 12v sockets, automatic headlights with 'follow me home', cruise control and speed limiter (DC).

Step up into the Acenta, and customers will enjoy a number of styling enhancements, including 16in alloy wheels and chrome exterior trim, as well as the Nissan Intelligent Key system with engine start/stop button and a five-inch HD full colour TFT screen.

Acenta+ meanwhile, adds the more powerful 190PS 2.3-litre dCi engine, 18in alloy wheels, automatic air conditioning with dual-zone climate control, rear colour reversing camera (shown in the rear view mirror), side steps, electric folding heated door mirrors and rear privacy glass.

Moving up the range, the new N-Connecta trim grade puts entertainment to the fore, with the addition of the NissanConnect 2.0 7in touchscreen satellite navigation and entertainment system. This incorporates features including DAB digital radio, a rear colour reversing camera, Bluetooth audio streaming, app integration and live traffic updates.

Topping the range, the Tekna – priced from £24,293 – adds Nissan's Around View Monitor, which uses cameras to give the driver a bird's eye view of the car, as well as rear parking sensors, leather seats with heated front seats, roof rails and LED headlights.

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## Wellington boot Town into touch with three

**Wellington Am 3 Tipton 1**  
TIPTON Town remain in the West Midlands Premier basement after visitors Wellington Amateurs added to their woes with a 3-1 win.  
Languishing only one place from the bottom of the table, and currently winless at home, Tipton showed few signs of that situation improving.  
Of great concern, particularly to Manager, Paul Totney, was the sheer inability of the Black Country club to mount any telling threat upon their visitors in such a vital fixture and, with virtually half the season's games behind them, a tally of just 4 points simply tells it's own story. In the 18th minute slipshod defending by Tipton allowed Gavin Davies to open the visitors' account when scrambling the ball home for an untidy goal.  
Tipton suddenly came to life on 24 minutes, two fine efforts from Matt Weyman and Marvin Whitter ricocheting to safety before Jon Crawford was then superbly tackled in the act of shooting.  
Wellington weathered the short period of home pressure, and on 38 minutes a sweeping move involving Sam Groucher and Tom Bradley set up Ben Parker to make it 2-0 to the Shropshire outfit.  
Right on half-time a good counter-attack by Tipton gave them hope when, in a packed goalmouth, Ravi Sangha reacted first to halve the deficit.  
Tipton wastefully spurned a fine opportunity to level the scores in the 64th minute when Whitter's shot was blocked.  
The visitors killed off the match three minutes from time when Davies drove home his second.

## TD is beaten soundly by a high five

**Coventry 5 Team Dudley 0**  
TEAM Dudley ended up soundly beaten in their first game for nearly a month.  
But the students stuck to their task against a higher-ranked team in the Birmingham FA Saturday Vase.  
Coventry took the lead after 18 minutes when a penalty was awarded for a foul by Kaighlem Duncan and Jack Dobson sent Liam Jones the wrong way and opened the scoring.  
It was the first of three goals in a six-minute spell that took the match away from Team Dudley and two further goals in the second half sealed the Midland League Division One side's passage to the next round.  
TD's Myles Nettleford was denied a late consolation goal.

# Veltz make it six on the bounce

**Halesowen Town 2 Ramsbottom United 1**  
HALESOWEN extended their unbeaten run to six league games after on-loan duo Reece Hales and Keyon Reffell both found the target with trademark goals against rock-bottom Ramsbottom.  
Ramsbottom's Markus Porcha cleared Halesowen's best chance of the first half off the line when a shot from Danny Bragoli was heading for the target after 17 minutes.  
But the visitors showed plenty of fight to belie their status and Dan Platt produced an excellent save from Shelton Payne's 29th minute curling shot.  
The Veltz continued to struggle to make in-roads as a 39th minute corner from Aaron Griffiths was

headed over by Reffell. Hales finally provided the vital spark after 58 minutes when his 22 yard direct free-kick struck the inside of the post before nestling in the net – his third goal from direct free-kicks in four games.  
But the lead lasted barely two minutes as the ever dangerous Payne was bundled over by Chris Westwood in the penalty area and Payne buried the Rams' equaliser from the penalty spot.  
Reffell and Hales both flashed further efforts wide before Reffell rose to head Halesowen's winner at the far post from a Griffiths corner in the 82nd minute.  
Hales almost converted another late direct free-

kick after 85 minutes but the ball rebounded off the base of the post to frustrate the home side and leave the scores unchanged.  
**Halesowen Town:** Platt; Connolly, Griffiths, Denny (c), Morrison, Westwood (Gueyes 77), Charlton, Bragoli, Reffell, Daniels (Waite 69), Hales.  
**Subs Not Used:** Cooper, Rosser, Summerfield.  
**Ramsbottom United:** Shenton; Bromley, Grimshaw, Porcha, Edmundson, Heywood, Kuba-Kuba (Smith 77), Crothers, Payne, Meaney, Pritchard.  
**Subs Not Used:** Tuohy, Cliffe, Gibson, Doyle.  
**Referee:** Matthew Smith.  
**Attendance:** 323

# Baggies exploit Gunner weakness

**Albion 2 Arsenal 1**  
**THERE'S** no question this was the best time to play Arsenal, but that should take nothing away from Albion's performance.  
The Gunners came to The Hawthorns ravaged by injuries, forcing them to play left-back Kieran Gibbs on the wing.  
Arsene Wenger's team then lost two holding midfielders during the match, as both Francis Coquelin and Mikel Arteta hobbled off the pitch.  
Yes, the visitors were understrength, but the Baggies recognised that frailty and refused to give an unsure Arsenal defence a moment's peace.  
There were times, especially in the second half, when Arsenal were camped in the Albion half, sending wave after wave of yellow looking for the golden ball.  
But this was a lot less one-sided than many predicted.  
In the first half, interceptions and well-timed tackles sprang James Morrison, James McClean and Stephane Sessegnon away on counter attacks.  
Considering the quality of Arsenal's players, every now and then those tackles will be mis-timed.

**Dangerous**  
Alexis Sanchez — who seemed determined to win the whole match by himself — won a couple of free-kicks in dangerous positions. One of them led to the Arsenal's goal.  
Mesut Ozil's inch-perfect ability has caught out countless teams recently and his loft wedge on to Olivier Giroud's head was his 11th assist of the season and his seventh in a row.  
No doubt it was an emotional goal for the Frenchman but he had little time to reflect on the situation because, importantly, Albion hit back straight away with their own left-footed set-piece master.  
Morrison's volley from Chris Brunt's free-kick looked fortunate at first but watching the replay it's obvious the Scot intended to lift the ball over Cech with the outside of his foot.  
The midfielder now has three goals for the season and was back to his best against Arsenal.  
Don't Albion look a better team for it. Two weeks ago, the Baggies stuck 10 men behind the ball at Old Trafford, leaving Salomon Rondon



**Arsenal's players are left crumpled on the floor after Mikel Arteta's own goal gives Albion the lead**  
isolated. When Morrison is on form, he provides that crucial link between the big Venezuelan and the rest of the team.  
The most eye-catching statistic from the game is that Albion only had one shot on target and yet scored two. That doesn't tell the whole story.  
Earlier in the match, McClean had fired the first warning shot, jinking inside Alexis Sanchez and Hector Bellerin before putting a dangerous ball across the box. Arsenal's right-back was returning from injury and he looked it.  
McClean ran straight past him for the second goal, somehow managing to reach Rondon's stabbed through ball on the byline.  
It was the sort of endless endeavour Albion fans have come to expect from the Derryman, who was by far Albion's best player on the pitch.  
Arsenal wasted chances.

## Fast-paced passes help Stour sink Marine

**Marine 1 Stourbridge 3**  
STOURBRIDGE put in a high quality performance on Merseyside, taking home side Marine apart with a quick, passing brand of football in the Evo-Stik Premier.  
Right from the kick-off the Glassboys dominated and Karl Hawley scored the opener after just 10 minutes, his exquisite finish past Marine keeper Matthew Cooper came courtesy of a pinpoint cross from Chris Lait.  
The home side had not had a shot on target when Tom Tonks toe-poked his first goal for the club just before half-time and in truth, Stourbridge could have been five goals ahead at the break.  
That pattern remained in the second half until Marine substitute Chad Whyte pounced on a defensive mix-up and Marine came to life.  
Hawley soon extinguished the fightback though, slotting home deep into injury time to give a more realistic look to the scoreline.  
Glassboys boss Gary Hackett said: "It is a tough place to come, but we deserved the win. Their keeper has had to make a lot of fantastic saves, there was maybe a bit of poor finishing but I think we deservedly came away winners."  
"At some stage away from home you are going to come under pressure. They scored a fortuitous goal to get them back into the game and for ten minutes they had a lot of momentum."

**Stourbridge:** Solly, Green, Scarr, Tonks, Smikle, Knight, Dodd, Broadhurst (Canavan, 80), Hawley, Bilingham, Lait. Subs not used: Pierpoint, Wright, Clarke, Hayward.

## Bailey proves too hot for Wren's Nest

**St Martin's 4 Wren's Nest 1**  
WREN'S Nest were unable to cope with St Martin's hot-shot Karl Bailey as they slumped to a 4-1 defeat in Oswestry in the West Midlands Division One.  
Bailey opened his account on 21 minutes before seeing another effort tipped onto the upright by keeper Aaron Morris less than 15 minutes later.  
Wren's Nest levelled through Alistair Brown's header on 51 minutes.  
But the Saints restored their lead on the hour when Bailey crossed for Dan Graham to convert.  
Sam Thomas then set up Bailey to make it 3-1 on 75 minutes before the striker sealed his hat-trick deep in injury time from Sam Nash's pass.

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## Running club tackles cross country runs

IT was back to cross country action this week for athletes from Dudley King-swinford Running Club as the blue hoops fielded a men and women's team in the Midlands Cross Country Championships in Wolverhampton.

With the women covering five miles and the men a further lap giving them a total of seven it was a muddy and testing afternoon.

Lorna Hulme was first back for the ladies team in 15th place in 35.27, Tracy Alderson, making her cross country club debut, took 31st place in 38.21, Lynn Sprague was 61st in 42.23, Karen Doy65th in 42.59, Jacqui Elson-Whitaker finished next in 43.07, Sally McConville 83rd in 47.29, Sam Hemmings 89th in 48.23 and Charlotte Tonks came home in 50.35 to take 96th.

The ladies were placed 7th overall behind the winners Birmingham Running & Triathlon Club, Notts AC and Wolves & Bileston.

With the men going off an hour later it was down to Ben Foster to bring them home in an excellent 10th place in 41.46 with Matt Biggs in 23rd in 42.59, James Wright 39th in 45.11, Darran Bishop 59th in 47.15, Dave Norman 69th in 48.28 and Mark Homer in 50.00 making up the scorers.

Simon Blizzard was only five seconds adrift finishing in 50.05 in 81st having started fast, Mark Judge finished 91st in 51.25, Kieran Putt was 98th in 52.04, Stephen Parr outsprinted Graham Wildgoose to just get his nose in front on the line with the pair finishing in 105th in 52.29 and 106th in 52.32 respectively.

Pete Hood was 109th in 52.55, Andy Weaver finished in 57.19 to take 122nd and John Andrews was 128th in 59.43, the men's team taking 6th place with the medals going to a strong Notts AC team, Cannock and Staffs and Tipton Harriers.

## A late deflection takes chance of a draw from Tivs

Tivdale 1 Coalville 2

A deflected shot a minute from time denied Tivdale a share of the points as high-riding Coalville Town won their Evo-Stik Division One battle in the last part of the game.

Coalville were all over the hosts in the first 20 minutes and had lots of opportunities to go ahead.

With Niall Rodney and Jake Wooley both missing great chances.

Tivdale took the lead on 37 minutes when Malachi Farquharson turned his marker and fired into the top right-hand corner.

But the game turned in one second half minute.

On 59 minutes Farquharson hit the post and straight from the clearance Coalville broke and a Tom Byrne cross took a deflection for Jack Wooley to stab home the equaliser.

The luck was now with Coalville and on 89 minutes a Wooley cross took a wicked deflection and ended in the roof of the Tivdale net to ruin their chances of sharing the points.

## AWOL striker Enobakhare is back

AWOL striker Bright Enobakhare has ended his self-imposed absence from Wolves and will return to training this week.

The teenager had failed to get in contact with the club for almost a week.

Boss Kenny Jackett admitted earlier on Monday that no-one knew where the 17-year-old was – amid fears he had fled to his native Nigeria.

But Wolves finally made contact with him yesterday afternoon, and officials met with Enobakhare, who agreed to return to training. He was last at Compton Park on November 11. Wolves spoke to Enobakhare on the phone last week and

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were given the impression he was set to return to Africa.

It had been claimed Enobakhare turned up late for training and took umbrage to being fined, leading to his absence, although Wolves denied this.

Any disciplinary action for his prolonged absence is not being made public.

In a statement, Wolves said that while Enobakhare had initially been granted a few days of compassionate leave, the club had since been ex-

pecting him to return to Compton Park.

"The 17-year-old youngster had been absent for almost two weeks due to a family issue, but has remained in the local area," the statement continued. "Wolves now consider the matter to be closed, and ongoing support and discussion with Enobakhare will remain confidential."

Jackett said ahead of Enobakhare being found: "From my own point of view, I have sympathy. To be 17 and in this country with little parental support, it's very tough. It is an unusual situation. But then I don't think I've had many 17-year-olds in my first-team squad that have only had a couple of years in the country as well."

# GRAHAM MAY PROVE GOLDEN

Ipswich 2 Wolves 2

**THE considerable Bakary Sako-shaped hole on Wolves' left wing has been filled by no fewer than seven players at one time or another this season.**

Sheyi Ojo, Nathan Byrne, David Edwards, James Henry, Jed Wallace and Rajiv van La Parra have all auditioned for the role, while George Saville was a one-off stop-gap in the League Cup defeat at Middlesbrough.

With Jordan Graham, the eighth, you wonder if the part has finally been filled.

Jackett has been incredibly reluctant to blood former Villa youngster Graham, despite some impressive performances for the under-21s.

The 20-year-old was snubbed for the pre-season tour of France, then played with the first XI for August's final pre-season friendly at Doncaster but, despite impressing and scoring, wasn't even on the bench when the league campaign kicked off.

Perhaps the move was psychological mind-play in a bid to keep Graham honest, and his feet on the ground.

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If so, it has worked. He wowed during a prolific loan spell at League Two side Oxford and has returned eager to finally make his mark at Wolves.

And thrust into his debut in gold and black, he showed nothing but promise in what will be the abiding memory of a spirited performance at Portman Road.

Graham seemed full of nervous energy, but tempered that with composure, and flourished in the responsible role or corner-taker, a show of faith for a debutant.

He wasn't the only star on show though – Adam Le Fondre changed the course of this match with his best performance in a Wolves shirt.

Replacing David Edwards with 25 minutes left, Le Fondre set up Benik Afobe's equaliser, worked the channels with pace and endeavour, almost scored himself and provided a much-needed foil for his strike partner.

While Mick McCarthy's team created the clear-



Wolves winger Sheyi Ojo is outmuscled by Ipswich Town's Luke Chambers at Portman Road

er-cut chances, Wolves were good value for the draw, one they surely would have taken beforehand.

Strangely, both of their goals came when the last thing they looked like doing was scoring, but they battled hard to twice restore parity.

Spare a thought for the cramp-befallen Carl Ikeme, who five days earlier was sauntering around in 32C African sunshine – approximately 32C hotter than it was at Portman Road – and best epitomised Wolves' fighting spirit by soldiering on with injury.

Negatives, yes there were a few, with Wolves' recent defensive solidity washed away in the rain

as Mike Williamson and Danny Bath let their markers run free and Kevin McDonald and Jack Price were occasionally overrun in midfield.

But against an Ipswich team which had plundered seven in their last two matches, Wolves didn't sit back and play for a draw and at times attacked with purpose and pace, particularly in the early stages.

Their efforts against Burnley and Ipswich warranted more than the two points those games have yielded. And while a run of one win in seven looks disastrous on paper, it doesn't feel that apocalyptic in reality, even if the league table continues to depress.

## Ease up on coach Pulis, says Olsson

ALBION defender Jonas Olsson thinks criticism of head coach Tony Pulis is harsh.

Some supporters are unhappy with Pulis's defensive style of play but Olsson says it's all about results for the players.

Out of the side since picking up a groin strain against Everton in September, the big Swede was brought into the defence for Saturday's victory over Arsenal because Gareth McAuley was banned.

"I think the criticism from the media and fans can be a bit negative," he said. "I never understand that as a player."

"Someone says there needs to be a balance between results and entertainment, but for the players it's 100 per cent about the results."

"He is a good manager, he came in last year and is still building a squad."

"To take over you have to adapt to the players you've got and the way we play now suits us. It's as simple as that."

Olsson was picked ahead of £8 million summer signing James Chester to keep Oliver Giroud quiet. He did that for the majority of the game and nearly scored himself with a header that hit the cross-bar and bounced on the line.

"That would have been the icing on the cake," said the 32-year-old. "Because the ref gave something I thought it was the goal-line technology but the linesman was flagging for offside on the rebound."

The victory was only Albion's second this season at home, but most of the games at The Hawthorns have been against tough opposition.

"I think we've had a pretty good season so far," said Olsson. "We've been there or thereabouts, 10th, 11th, 12th, I feel we have been quite comfortable."

"We played a good game before the international game against Man United and didn't get anything out of that."

## Ikeme looks likely to be fit after cramps

WOLVES keeper Carl Ikeme is expected to be fit for Saturday's visit of MK Dons despite being nearly forced off with debilitating cramps against Ipswich.

Ikeme played in Swaziland and Nigeria during the international break and it appears the long travelling may have taken its toll.

However, Emiliano Martinez is a doubt as he bids to return from a thigh injury.

Boss Kenny Jackett said of his goalkeepers: "The physios are very reluctant to put a time frame on Emi because they're worried about a recurrence."

"We'll see how he goes."

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